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## New Distance, New Partner, Same Result for Watling III

Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race

By Nick Friar

Since the Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race first began in 1939, the event has only been canceled four years and for one occasion — World War II. With the novel coronavirus pandemic putting a stop to countless events across the country, the 2020 edition was not expected to become an exception.

In fact, at one point, the race had been canceled. But with the state starting its reopening process, race director Art Benner got to work with his committee once the Rochester Board of Health gave the Fire Department permission to sponsor the event.

This year's race came with changes. The distance was cut in half down to six miles, ending at Wolf Island Road. There was no registration session at the race, nor was there a hotdog stand, the ham and bean supper, or an awards program afterward.

"We thought that people would enjoy getting out and getting in the river and doing that sort of activity," Benner said.

Along with the distance change, the biggest adjustment for contestants was the preparation for the event.

"People didn't get the kind of practice time they would have normally, had we had a normal spring and they could have been making practice runs from April on," Benner said. "When they did get a chance to train last week, the water had gotten so low it was not a good training run anyway."

The typical winning time for the Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race is under two hours so this year's top time of 1:02.18 was a bit off the typical pace for the midway point, and that can be chalked up to lack of preparation time. Yet, for all the changes to this year's race, one thing remained the same: Bill Watling III was

one half of the winning team.

This year, however, he wasn't partnered with his friend and fellow Rochester native Dan Lawrence. The pair had won the Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race six of the last seven years, twice taking home the Jim Hartley Award, given only to those who win the Open Division three consecutive years.

"Last year we talked and my wife had wanted to do it, so we kind of figured it was a good time to split it up," Watling III said.

Although his wife, Alyssa, had not participated in the event before, she had competed in a kayak race before. The Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race requires homemade boats, which are open, similar to a canoe, so there were some differences, but not enough to be a problem for the Watlings.

And they fully intend to contend for the title again in 2021.

"I think we'll at least try to get the three-in-a-row co-ed (title)," Watling III said. "I think this year we were definitely a dark horse because people assumed I was

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**On the Cover:** The 2020 Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race was business as usual, mostly, featuring 40 two-rower teams participating. Shown here are Marina Stephens of Mattapoissett and Lauren Eldridge of Rochester, who placed second in the Women's Division with a time of 1:27:57. See results on page 30. Photo by Ryan Feeney

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switching it up for co-ed. I don't think they expected us to come out as strong as we did."

Lawrence, competing with Jake Goyette, also of Rochester, finished third overall in the race and third in the Open Division (1:03:32). Rochester native Andy Weigel and Jay Lawrence of Middleboro finished second overall and second in the Open Division (1:02:34).

Henri and Jonathan Roy of Rochester finished first in the Parent/Child Division (1:10:22). Dana Barrows and Paul Milde had the top time for an all-Mattapoisett pairing (1:04:22), finishing fourth overall. Kendall and C.J. Hedges IV had the top time for an all-Marion team (1:10:46), placing third in the co-ed division.

Rochester's Tucker Roy and Marion's Cliff Hedges V won the Boys Junior Division (1:15:34); it's the third time they've won the Junior Boys Division.

Carolyn Pruchnik of Rochester won the Women's Division (1:26:29) with Colleen Somers of Dorchester. Ellsea Roy of Rochester took first in the Girls Junior Division (1:38:45).

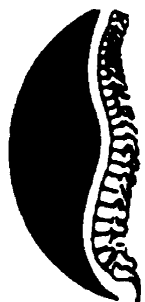
## On the Crest of a Hill

*This Mattapoisett Life*

**By Marilou Newell**

On the crest of a small hill in Agawam Cemetery is my father's grave. He is surrounded by his father-in-law, his infant boy-child, and his wife. Down the hill rest more extended family members from my mother's side of the family. At 92 his mind and its ability to regulate not only thoughts but biological systems gave up. On May 26, 2011, he gasped twice as I held his hand and then silently, gently slipped away on a spring breeze.

It had not been an easy life. Poverty punctuated his earliest years, as made obvious in a sepia-toned photograph. Dad is seated and appears to be a very fat



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and robust baby of about nine months. It is his clothing that betrays the chubby cherub. It looks like a handknitted jumpsuit with very tattered booties. Long untethered strings hang from the heels. The tilt of his head gives him a quizzical appearance, with pale blue eyes that are not so much questioning but observing people off-camera. The baby is not smiling, just waiting for whatever comes next. He would, for the rest of his life, hold that pose when studying others.

Dad was born June 2, 1918. The ravishes for a world war prevailed as did that other pandemic, the Spanish Flu. Yet despite all the pitfalls, his parents kept him living, fed, and spared all manner of child-killing diseases. He survived.

As a young child, school vexed him. Today he would be diagnosed with one or more learning or cognitive issues easily countermanded by programs and individual support. At that time, he was viewed as lazy, ignorant, not worth the effort, punishable, and eventually allowed to leave school in the third grade.

Dad always credited his maternal grandmother

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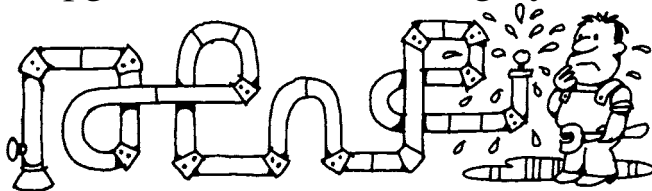
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with teaching him how to read. And learn he did, at least well enough to enjoy the daily newspaper, technical journals, and most legal documents. But he could never really write more than his name with penmanship that was sorely lacking. He could add and subtract but not multiple or divide.

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From the moment he was old enough to put his hand to work, that is what Dad did almost until the day he died. But later in life he did allow himself the pleasure of a travel trailer. At least once a year he'd fill the tiny refrigerator with frozen TV dinners, and gather such provisions as a loaf of white bread, a jar of Maxwell House, and peanut butter and jelly. Then rounding up his son or, later on, a neighborhood rag-a-muffin or grandson, he'd head off for Moose Head Lake in Maine.

Once there with a small campfire glowing, he seemed to relax. I went with him once when my boy was about five. That experience, like several others we'd had together, allowed me to see my father in a different light. He was a lonely, secretive man.

One of his biggest secrets, maybe one he kept even from himself, was the post-war trauma he suffered through. My earliest memories of my father are of a man who never spoke, whose brow was furrowed as his eyes looked past you to some far-imagined horizon. He never seemed to be present.

In old age as his grasp on the present became adrift, as his thoughts were loosened from their moorings, he spoke of his wartime experiences. Not in a boastful victorious manner but in a quiet, matter-of-fact tone. "Them bullets sounded like ping, ping, ping," he said aloud one afternoon while sitting at his kitchen table. As I sat beside him, Dad unfolded decades of quiet suffering so gently that the pain was not at first perceived.

Dad's knack for fixing car engines had earned him a position in the motor pool of his Army unit. He became a driver for a high-ranking officer. They had seen direct combat as his unit advanced from Normandy following behind Patton.

At one point, Dad and the officer were pinned down, taking cover under their jeep. "It was cold and wet," Dad remarked, "...we could hear the Germans talking." They remained under that jeep for several days. One can only imagine the fear, a lasting, never-ending fear.

Dad talked about helping a farmer with his tractor, scavenging for coal along a railroad bed and building fires that warmed "the boys." He had tremendous respect for the military but loathed military action. Throughout the Vietnam conflict, as he sat reading the daily newspaper, he'd shake his head and say, "...they should bring them boys home."

His brother, a retired Naval officer a few years younger than Dad, would tell me decades later that he believed his only sibling had returned home from WWII with what we now call PTSD. Back then it was "battle fatigue." As I think about that now, it seems very likely to be true. My uncle told me that Dad went to a hospital but how and where is now lost.

For his bravery Dad received a Bronze Star. His children never knew that until he was very old and then didn't understand the significance of the medal. Today I weep for a man who spent his entire life working to





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provide for his family, never receiving recognition for a job done to the best of his abilities as a civilian and as a soldier until he was laid to rest on that crest of the hill. As he lay dying, I told him repeatedly, "You can stand down Dad, your work is done." On the anniversary of his passing coupled with Memorial Day celebrations, my grieve opens raw as a fresh grave.

My parents' graves are marked by footstones provided by the Veterans Administration. These humble markers befit their lives. There is comfort in knowing that, in the forever which follows death, my father's grave denotes his heroism, his rising to the best that he could be when it was most needed – once upon a time. There on the crest of the hill in nearby Wareham lies a hero,

my father, Brayton Norman Newell, June 2, 1918 – May 26, 2011, an anonymous citizen like so many others who helped make America what we dream about today.

### **Coastal Fly Fishing**

**By George B. Emmons**

My daughter and her husband Mike live just around the corner from our house on Sconticut Neck in Fairhaven but are not frequent visitors anymore since the coronavirus invaded our shores and changed our lives. My daughter taught preschool in Plymouth, now closed for the summer, and Mike is a very active paramedic with an ambulance firm just west of Boston. He reports that his

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Mike and I have been fishing companions for years, and lately he has become interested in learning to fly fish. I have encouraged him to do this because fly fishing and fishing are well known as diversions of therapy to get your mind away from personal, traumatic, pressure situations.

An added incentive is excellent coastal fly fishing around where we live for both fresh and saltwater angling. Freshwater kettle holes as well as Long Pond are well-stocked with brook, brown, rainbow, and tiger trout by nearby Sandwich Fish Hatchery. Saltwater striped bass also provides a challenging, long-range streamer casting from the banks of the Cape Cod Canal.

Coastal rivers of the Acushnet in Fairhaven, the Mattapoisett at Route 6 and the Weweantic in Marion have in recent years taken down their dams to free up passage of anadromous herring and shad that come up from the sea to the ponds of their own origin. However, it also frees freshwater trout to go downstream to get fat and trophy-length feeding on baitfish driven into harbors by stripers and bluefish. My illustration is a brook trout about to take a hand-tied dry fly entitled by the fancy appearance of "Parmachene Belle".

I used to teach fly fishing at the Berkshire National Fish Hatchery in western Massachusetts when we lived there. My pupils were groups of underprivileged boys and girls from inner-city areas of Boston and New York City. They would camp out overnight at our stocking



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The Berkshire Hatchery, after I left, went on to improve a so-called fishing derby for local kids ages 8-12 in a contest to catch the largest trout to include Wounded Warrior veterans, some in wheelchairs. Perhaps when the

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## FY21 Budget Approved; Summer Programs Cancelled

*Marion Board of Selectmen*

**By Mick Colageo**

The Marion Board of Selectmen approved the FY21 budget to be carried to the Monday, June 22, town meeting, and gave Recreation Director Jody Dickerson a platform to explain the town's cancellation of its summer programs.

According to Town Administrator Jay McGrail, the town's operating budget for FY21 includes contractually obligated increases affecting only two of approximately 30 line items. Those are the only increases.

"We had a large deficit at the beginning of the discussion and we really wanted to get to black ink," McGrail told the selectmen in their May 26, remote-access meeting.

He said that Assistant Town Administrator Judy Mooney, together with Becky Tilden, DPW Director David Willett and assistant Meghan Davis, were able to tackle the budget in house. "The hard part," he said, "is today, putting it in action."

"I think we've done the best we can to do what's fiscally prudent for the Town of Marion and to keep our projects the lowest. I want to commend my team. ... Every draft they put together required a ton of legwork. ... Given the circumstances, I believe we have the best plan we possibly can."

In her presentation, Mooney told the selectmen that Marion will see some water increases because of the debt. "The debt is driving the force," she said.

Selectman John Waterman said he would like to see a five-year progression of the percentage of the overall budget dedicated to debt service. Mooney said that can be provided, but of more immediate relevance to the budget are revenues.

Mooney explained that the increase in FY20 water

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Mooney said FY21 will see budget increases for full-time salaries, three line-item increases, district assessments, engineering, and a water assessment.

She also indicated that the town has only done short-term borrowing for the Route 6 project. "Once we start long-term borrowing it, you're going to see the principle go up," she said.

In preparing the sewer budget, Mooney said she pulled out the costs of addressing infiltration and inflow to the town's sewer system and put it in an article for the town-meeting warrant. The long-term effect, she said, will

be in FY22's budget.

"We're still trying to meet our 2020 revenues on the sewer end. Water last time I looked was short only \$60,000," she said.

The average household in Marion is 2.5 people so, while water's quarterly rate increase is proposed to be \$7.12 or \$28 annually, water/sewer in the same household is \$64.38 quarterly or \$257 annually.

Waterman noted that water usage drives sewer revenues, but the town puts water restrictions in place. "We kind of tie one arm behind our back," he said.

Waterman said that Marion should have been doing a little every year but is now playing a painful game of catch-up.

"It's unfortunate but the numbers are there. I just cringe when I see these numbers, but ... as far as I'm concerned, there's not a lot we can do about it," said Chairperson Randy Parker.

Waterman thought it opportune to turn the problem into a cautionary tale where it concerns the town's other financial challenges and long-term outlook.

"The general message needs to be we really got behind in upgrading our water infrastructure," he said. "If we put it off, the cost is just going to get worse. On the sewer, we have seen these increases coming ... it hasn't come as fast as we thought because of the delays in construction in the waste-treatment. ... I think by year two, we'll be seeing. We've seen this coming and we've talked about it for two years."

Hills echoed the sentiment: "We don't have much choice, we just haven't been doing things we should have been doing. Sewer, we can't get around this."

It is hoped that the condominium development proposed by Henry DeJesus will produce more taxpayers to share the load of sewer costs and thereby drive down or at least stabilize the average cost per household in the town.

In the face of state-issued regulations including the wearing of masks at all times, 6 foot social distancing and no organized sports, the town chose to cancel Its 2020 summer recreations programs.

"This was not an easy decision for us," said

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Recreation Director Jody Dickerson, who like many originally thought COVID-19 might last a few weeks or a couple of months. "As time went on we knew this was going to go on for a while. We really didn't get the guidance from the state that I was hoping for to move forward."

Dickerson reached out to Tabor Academy and other camps on Cape Cod and the south shore only to find that the majority were either cancelling for the season or waiting for the very last moment. Opening up on the state's terms, he said, "would not resemble any of our summer programs."

Dickerson did say Marion will keep the door open if something should change and, under more favorable circumstances, consider holding the golf camp or sailing or art programs.

"It's with a horrible feeling, we have a lot of kids that work for us ... far reaching implications," said McGrail, who said he pulled his own children out of summer camp in his town of residence. "Due to the regulations it's not a fun program for the kids, not a good way to spend your summer. I just don't ever see them going back for the second day."

With the state's cap on gatherings still set at a maximum of 10, the cost of achieving the prescribed teacher-student ratio would be prohibitive.

Parker asked about kayaking. Dickerson pointed to the challenge of shared equipment. "Even tennis, basketball, groups of 10 so triple or quadruple the equipment we need and then it's constantly clean, clean, clean," he said.

Facilities at the beach and on all school district campuses remain closed, further hampering any effort by the town to reopen for recreational activities.

Before the meeting had ended, building contractor Sherman Briggs voiced some concerns about several matters including safety at Point Road where he lives and Creek Road. "Somebody's going to get killed over there. Those bumps are so dangerous. I hope somebody listens," he said. "The road is falling apart, the sink holes are falling. The (Infiltration and Inflow) is what's destroying the road. ... There isn't (any other) road



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that's been paved three times since 1970 other than maybe Converse Road. It's time to capitalize on these studies and not let them sit on the shelf."

Barring an emergency, the next meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen will be held on Tuesday, June 2.

### **Businesses Asked for Reopening Cooperation**

*Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen*

**By Marilou Newell**

A brief but far-reaching agenda during the May 26 meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen included two items, a letter that will be sent to business

license holders and the planned reopening of some town buildings.

Selectman Paul Silva, who was on this night solo, said the meeting could move forward without a quorum since there were no actionable items, only follow-ups to previous decisions debated and voted on with a quorum.

First was the letter which the selectmen had asked Town Administrator Mike Lorenzo to write during the previous meeting. The letter will be sent to all licensed and permitted business in the community and outlines the town's role in protecting residents during the pandemic while allowing businesses to reopen. Lorenzo confirmed with legal counsel the town's rights and responsibilities regarding business licenses in the event that measures are needed for violators of safety guidelines.

Lorenzo read the letter into the meeting minutes. The letter noted the governor's May 18 phased reopening plan. Lorenzo read, "We too want to see businesses reopened, but we recognize the benefits of a deliberate and phased approach. We support the reopening plan and we ask that you all do your part to comply with the portions of those orders and guidance that apply to your type of business."

The letter goes on to say, "Although we fully expect the business community's cooperation in complying with these requirements, you are reminded that the Town has the responsibility to take enforcement action when any violations are found to exist. The Town has the authority to assess fines and to seek court orders to take corrective action against non-compliant businesses. This action can be levied on any license holder in violation of local regulations. We will continue to emphasize education and voluntary compliance through written and verbal warnings, but, due to the serious consequences that may flow from failing to follow appropriate COVID-19 safety protocols, we will pursue enforcement when necessary for the health and wellbeing of all our residents."

Lorenzo also confirmed prior to the opening of the meeting that people from out of state entering Mattapoisett for the season are required by the state to self-quarantine for 14-days.

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Silva and Lorenzo also discussed the plans for reopening town buildings. "As of today, May 26, the town hall is open," Lorenzo said. But he stressed full and free access to the building is not possible. Instead, he asked the public to call and make an appointment if direct contact is needed with such departments as the Building Department, Planning Board, Conservation Commission or Board of Health. He assured the public that town hall is fully staffed but that limited public hours, Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, is a necessity to ensure that sanitation of high-touch areas can be performed.

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If a member of the public needs immediate access to a specific office in the town hall, Lorenzo said that the front reception desk will be staffed and someone will be there to assist. Again, anyone coming to a service window or entering the building will be expected to wear a face covering, he said.

The library does not currently have a schedule for reopening, Lorenzo said. He said that the installation of safety windows and other measures need to take place first. He said that library staff has provided some free materials in bags outside the library building and that in the near future curbside pick-up would begin. "We need to make sure that staff have all the (personal, protective equipment) and other materials before we can open up the library and the (Council on Aging)."

On the subject of the upcoming election presently scheduled for June 16, Silva asked that the town clerk, Catherine Heuberger, attend the next meeting of the board to discuss how the election will be handled to maintain distancing and sanitation of surfaces.

Lorenzo asked that voters contact the clerk's office and request an absentee ballot as a safe and easy way to cast their votes.

Regarding town meeting, Silva said that he wants



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to wait a couple of more weeks to monitor how COVID-19 reacts before moving forward with plans for this annual meeting. "We need a little more time behind us," he said.

Before closing the meeting Lorenzo paid tribute to Josephine Pannell and Robert Gingras. These Mattapoisett residents were hailed as being vital members of the community as volunteers and board members over many decades. Pannell passed away on May 21 and Gingras passed away on May 19.

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The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen has yet to be announced.

### House Plans Bent out of Shape by Odd Lot

*Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals*

**By Matthew Donato**

The Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals questioned a petition for a variance for a property located on Pine Island Road in its meeting held on May 21.

Applicants Charles and Karen Duponte met with the board seeking a petition for a variance. The variance would allow the applicants to construct a 2,600 square foot home on the lot in question.

The lot, at Prospect and Pine Island Road, is certainly unique. Created in 1965, the lot does not adhere to the current zoning laws that were updated in 1973. Most lots from that period are grandfathered in and enjoy unique status under zoning laws. However, this particular lot exceeds 29,000 square feet. The extra footage prevents the lot from qualifying for the grandfathered status.


David Davignon, representing Charles and Karen Duponte, clarified that there was no other lot like this in the neighborhood. He went on to add that the situation is made more unique by the fact that the lot is located on the corner of two streets. This means it has to adhere to two different zoning standards.

"If developers from 1965 could have known about the zoning change, they would have changed the shape of the lot," Davignon told the board. "This petition for variance would allow the lot to be used for its intended use."

The goal for the Duponte family is the construction of a home on the lot. That construction would be stifled by current zoning laws. Adhering to current zoning regulations, the home would have to be built so narrowly it would appear closer to the shape of a trailer than a conventional house.

"Other orientations of the house would make it difficult to fit into the neighborhood because porches and decks are also added into the zoning figures," said Davignon. Members of the neighborhood echoed the sentiment that a petition for a variance would be more beneficial to the community than an oddly shaped home.

Associate member Norman Lyonais agreed that

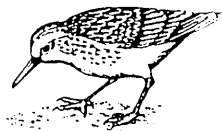
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the variance may be beneficial to the community. "I agree that something should be built that will enhance the area. A lot of things happen when you buy property; you don't want something shaped like a trailer in the area," he said.

Charles Duponte explained that he was confused with the conditions of the property when he purchased the lot and expressed his historical ties to the neighborhood.

"We have always loved the historical nature of Pine Island Road," said Duponte. "We didn't understand the ramifications when we purchased the lot. At some point, our hope is that someone will build on it. We have historical backgrounds in building and we want to do the right thing for the lot. We are really fond of our historical



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Despite the positions put forth by the applicants, the board questioned whether there was sufficient hardship required for a variance to be issued.

"It would be a hardship for the neighborhood to have an oddly shaped trailer house. It would degrade the quality of the neighborhood," said Davignon, arguing his case.

After hearing the viewpoints of the applicants, the board ultimately decided that the case was not sufficient to issue a petition of variance and voted unanimously to deny the variance.

With the topic occupying the majority of the meeting settled, the board went on to address the

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remaining public appeals relating to the issuing of special permits.

Maureen St. Armand put forth a request for a special permit to address a change in ownership at the property located at 20 Crooks Way. The appeal was issued to request permission to transfer ownership of a family-related apartment to a new homeowner.

"This is a simple case. We have a change in ownership, and the zoning bylaws require the owner to come in and get a permit for a change of ownership," Chairperson Susan Akins explained.

Seeing as the permit was more of a formality, the board unanimously passed the motion to allow the issuing of the special permit to St. Armand.



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Paul Frisco, represented by David Davignon, came before the board to attain a special permit for the construction of a family apartment at 9 Second Street. The apartment is an addition to the applicant's garage in order to provide a living space for his son.

The family apartment was shown on a set of original plans that were approved by the board in 2018. That said, the original permit issued by the board only related to the construction of the garage and not the in-law apartment that also appeared on the set of original plans.

"The garage was approved to be built in 2018, and the new construction has begun. We are here this evening to get the family apartment shown on the original plans approved," said Davignon.

Clerk Mary Brogan suggested that the plans seemed unorthodox. She expressed concern that certain components of the plans seemed to be added only with the intention of being interpreted as meeting the criteria for an in-law apartment.

The addition of an in-law apartment to an existing property requires that the addition be connected to the property, and it must appear as if the property is still one, single building. After reviewing the plans, members expressed concerns about the adherence to the plans to current zoning laws.

"It looks like a breezeway was only added to conform with the bylaws. It looks like separate buildings with only a hallway connecting them," said Brogan.

Frisco and Davignon both assured the board members that the two entities will be properly connected and that the only reason for the confusion was due to the representation of the project on the plans. Satisfied with their justifications, the board passed a motion to allow the construction of the new apartment.

The next Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 23.

### **Proposed Bylaw Change Could Affect Briggs' Project**

*Marion Planning Board*

**By Mick Colageo**

A zoning bylaw was debated and dissected on



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May 18 when the Marion Planning Board met for the first time in six weeks.

The remote-access meeting was set up to approve a proposed change in the multi-residential housing bylaw No. 230-5.3, decreasing maximum density allowed via the number of units per acre from 12 to eight.

"Some of the work we're doing with (Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District right now and analyzing the cluster bylaw and looking more closely at open space and cluster bylaw being changed here ... I have some real concerns with the language," said Chairperson Will Saltonstall. "I think it might be prudent to step back on this and study it a little further this summer and bring it back in the fall in a more organized fashion.

"In my heart, I think eight units per acre is the right number, but my concerns are more in how we define lot coverage and open space. I feel like a more comprehensive approach to this could be merited."

Board member Eileen Marum agreed with Saltonstall. "It would be best to get a little more information, have a couple of more meetings with SRPEDD and bring this back in the fall so that we all have an opportunity to spend a little more time with it and review it in depth," she said.

What Saltonstall is pitching is a more in-depth look at the number and perhaps a dynamic application thereof. It's a potential departure from a one-size-fits-all



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In the days leading up to the May 18 meeting, board member Chris Collings discussed the matter with Saltonstall. Collings took a walk down the bottom part of Main Street into the older part of the village where the homes are close to the street and close together and asked himself what an acre of density would look like.

"That sounded an awful lot like four (homes) across the course of 300 feet," said Collings. "Eight units per acre is conceptually, in the broadest sense, most similar to what you would experience if you were to go down Main Street. ... while 12 was clearly far more dense than that, ... six or four seemed probably on the thin side. That's how I put it forward to Will."



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Saltonstall said it varies depending on where one measures including up and down Main Street. "I think the bylaw has to be a little more sophisticated than four or eight or 12," he said.

The Planning Board has discussed the concept of density bonuses with SRPEDD and its relevance toward contractors looking to build affordable housing behind the senior center.

"There may be times where 12 units per acre is advantageous for certain spots in town; there are other places where standard residential zoning, six or eight may be a better number. But I think we can do a better and more-sophisticated job of defining that, and that's where I'm just not comfortable where they are. I'm hesitant to put this out there and then come back in the fall with another version of it," said Saltonstall. "I think our risk in this discussion is two projects: the (Sherman) Briggs project primarily but also setting the tone for the (Henry) DeJesus project."

The DeJesus project, said Saltonstall, is on a later timeline and not necessarily impacted by the board's decision, but Briggs' project is. The longtime Marion developer has taken heat for filing a higher-density project of three buildings with 42 units instead of the 28 units he originally proposed, but Saltonstall said it's not Briggs' intention to build 42 units.

"He wants to build a more-thoughtful 28 units. He's been very clear that he did that application just to

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so-called grandfather against this potential issue coming forward," said Saltonstall. "My personal feeling is that it's his intent that he's going in the right direction with this project.

"I've encouraged him to continue to develop this project, to take into account the comments the board made in the past, and to bring the project forward in a comprehensive manner, and he's led me to believe that's going to happen more in the lines of the 28 units, not the three buildings with 42 units. You can say that are risks in not putting this forward is hedging against that project, but I just don't think this (proposal) is there."

Another piece of language in the bylaw that Saltonstall said warrants further scrutiny is the third

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sentence changing all parking areas to impervious surfaces. "It's actually too restrictive in my opinion. As we know more, it may be advantageous to pull back on that and wait," he said.

Vice Chairperson Andrew Daniel noted that the bylaw deducts sidewalks, driveways and roads from a lot's square footage. "I'm curious are we taking two steps forward and two steps back because you're deducting that from your overall space," he said. "Maybe our goal of changing it from the 12 to the eight isn't going to have quite the impact or the benefit as we thought it would with those surfaces being excluded from the footage."

Saltonstall insisted that, while he doesn't consider it prudent to make a bylaw change now, he doesn't want to push it off another year. Rather, he said, the summer is when the Planning Board should come up with a bylaw that can function the right way in various situations.

"Rush to judgment is a bad idea, let's take a pause, let's hit the brakes," suggested Collings.

Town Planner Gil Hilario told the board that the warrant for the June 22 town meeting is closed. "I'm more supportive (of the bylaw change) than the board was. Perhaps you could pass some things and pass over others at town meeting. ... For example, in my opinion I think the most important element in the bylaw is the density – so the 12 to 8 – and the buyout, and those things might be critical to pass and, then at spring town meeting, while perhaps passing over (article) 3, which seems to be the

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most contentious right now, but that's just my thoughts. I think we can pause the entire bylaw until the fall. I don't think it would make much difference either way."

The board unanimously approved passing over the matter at June 22 town meeting with the intention of drafting a better bylaw this summer. The board did approve the article (230.8-1) regarding flood-plain district, thereby allowing Marion residents to purchase flood insurance in FY21. The board also discussed a bylaw change that would create a category of moderate-income housing. Selectman John Waterman suggested a three- to five-person task force to pursue the matter.

Affordable housing was discussed, and board member Norm Hills said that, if no action is taken to create affordable housing, Marion will eventually fall below the state-required 10 percent. "Another option is maybe we can do something to prevent some of that from rolling off," he suggested.



"If we don't keep up, we're going to lose our percentage very quickly," said Hilario.

Marion is streamlining its application and payment processes and, at the same time, making such submissions reviewable by computer. Saltonstall credited Hilario for his work in garnering grants for the town and on helping push forward the town's efficiency via technology.

The next meeting of the Planning Board is scheduled for June 1 with public hearings scheduled for

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## Steen, Seasons Seek a Solution

*Rochester Planning Board*

**By Mick Colageo**

In a case of 'my way or the highway', the final public hearing of the Rochester Planning Board's remote access meeting on Tuesday night took on the atmospheric swings of professional sports labor impasse, as cordial remarks gave way to a complicated problem and, from there, to conflict and rising temperatures, the drawing of lines in the sand, talk of potential legal action and, finally, the cooler priority on the big picture and the plan for a

phone call.

At conflict was how the access road for a new development planned by the Cranberry Highway Smart Growth Overlay District and filed by Steen Realty and Development that will consist of 208 residential units and commercial space will affect the existing Seasons Corner Market and gas station.

The case continued from April 28, addressed several matters, but as representative Phil Cordeiro from Allen & Major Associates described, "the other elephant in the room" is the discussion of the connection of the site driveway interconnection to the ring road and roadway.

"We've not reached a conclusion, have not reached an agreement so, while both the owner and Seasons can elaborate, we'd like the board to consider, we know it wouldn't please Seasons," said Cordeiro.

The project's relocated ring road led to discussions with Seasons representatives over the past few months. Proposals went back and forth, the latest of which from Seasons proposal that Steen found to be unacceptable.

Cordeiro reminded the Planning Board that the road was relocated at the board's request "so we hope the board will approve it in its current location. It would make Seasons happy if the road doesn't get relocated and we leave the road untouched."

While Planning Board Chairman Arnie Johnson acknowledged the overall progress in keeping with the board's requests, he indicated that Ken Motta will have a peer-review report before the board's next meeting, giving the board time to address other matters pertaining to the project "while we're trying to figure out how to access Route 58." A site visit will be scheduled after Motta's first peer review.

Johnson estimated that the access road plan "is better than what is there now. It certainly can accommodate traffic from the 40R (affordable housing)" and addresses his problem with drivers making illegal left turns. "I do have a concern with Seasons losing an access and having that traffic converging in one spot," he said.

John Russell, representing Colbea Enterprises LLC, the owner of Seasons at 8 Cranberry Highway,

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addressed Steen's plan to relocate the access road.

"The line of sight is very important to our business," he said, adding that the proposed relocation would adversely affect the mobility and safety of the trucks that feed the underground storage tanks at Seasons. "If we can't come to some sort of an agreement, Colbea would have to exercise its rights and file an official appeal."

Ken Steen countered, saying, "We're well within our rights to relocate that road as it is proposed.... we will defend that any day of the week."

Russell answered, "We will defend our right potentially in court. I hope we don't have to go that route."

Johnson encouraged more discussion.

Town Counsel Blair Bailey suggested that the board to "be prepared for the conversation coming down the road is if either of the traffic people have weighed in as to if the road stayed where it is."

Steen said his group can look into that.

Bailey urged more dialogue.

After an impassioned speech on the Seasons' side by Mr. Carpini, Steen indicated his group can certainly get on a phone call and talk about it.

A motion to continue the hearing to Tuesday, June 9, presumably at 7:00 pm, was accepted.

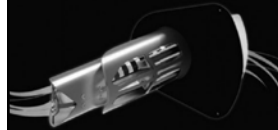
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Blair Bailey explained that flood-plain maps are amended either by the agency or by a landowner appeal. FEMA puts the changes together and, any time FEMA amends the maps, Rochester must amend its local bylaw. The information is particularly important to landowners appealing the process from an insurance standpoint.

The board heard discussion and continued the following cases to June 9:

Featherbed Lane South Solar LLC's special permit application for a large-scale, south-facing, ground-mounted solar array; Clean Energy's 1 megawatt,

community solar project at 139 Sarah Sherman Road; and a 9.5 megawatt, ground-mounted solar array off of Braley Hill Road.

The Planning Board also scheduled a site visit at Connet Woods for Thursday, June 4, at 4:00 pm.

## ZBA Test Drives Zoom, Plans June Hearing

*Marion Zoning Board of Appeals*

**By Mick Colageo**

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals held its first remote access meeting on May 21, solely to approve the minutes from its March 12 meeting. The occasion allowed members of the board to get a run-through on the Zoom video-conference technology that has become, along with similar online platforms, the norm during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Administrative assistant Anne Marie Tobia told the board she would be scheduling a public hearing with the ZBA in the latter part of June.

Before the ZBA or any other Marion board or committee holds a public hearing, the town's Board of Selectmen will do so first on June 16. A dedicated phone line will be used at the police station with Chairperson Randy Parker and Town Administrator Jay McGrail on-site and at a safe social distance from one another. The other board members, participants, and the public will connect remotely.

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*Mattapoissett Planning Board*

**By Marilou Newell**

It had been hotly debated, passionately viewed as an abomination to primal woodlands, not the right fit for the location, and generally believed by abutters and the Mattapoissett Land Trust as just plain wrong. But on May 22 after nearly a year that saw NextGrid Bowman Road LLC being denied a Special Permit by the Zoning Board




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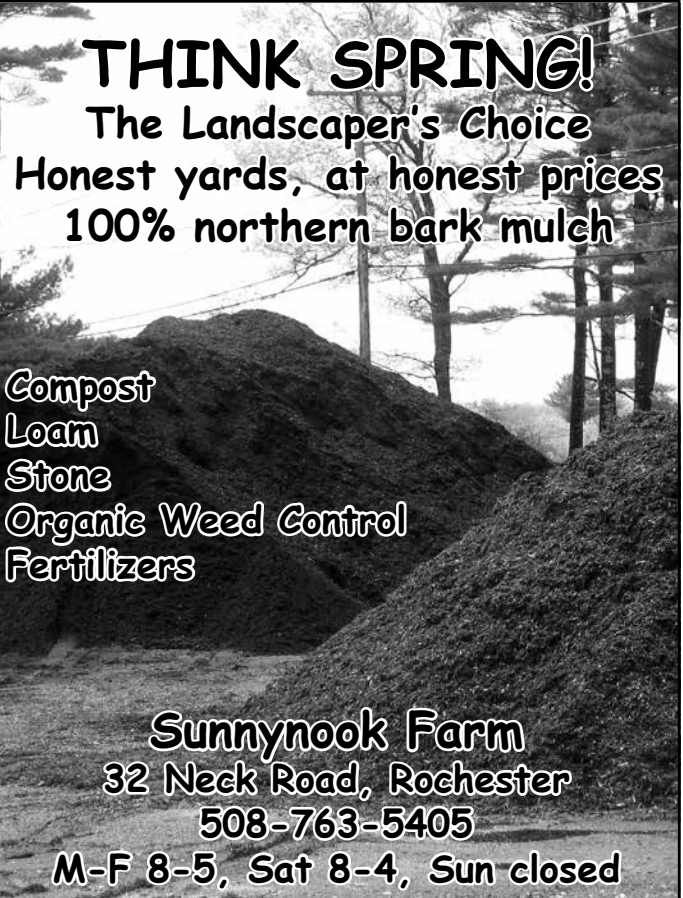
of Appeals, the site plan for the project was approved by the Mattapoisett Planning Board. The project, now slated to move forward, is a commercial solar array on private property owned by NextGrid of San Francisco.

Once again coming before the Planning Board were Daniel Seber of NextGrid, attorney for the applicant Joseph Pacella, and the architects and engineers for the project, Atlantic Design of Sandwich.

Present on the Planning Board were acting Chairman Nathan Ketchel, board administrator Mary Crain, and members, Karen Field, Arlene Fidalgo, and Janice Robbins.

Early in the reopened hearing, resident Paul Osenkowski attempted to bring the thoughts and comments of Chairman Tom Tucker who is presently stationed on a Massachusetts Maritime Academy Ship docked in Mobile, Alabama. Tucker has been unavailable for several months during which the Planning Board has been hearing the applicant's site plan request. Osenkowski said he was speaking on behalf of Tucker and had been told by him that the remote meeting process wasn't one he agreed with. Tucker, according to Osenkowski, had voiced his displeasure of the process that didn't grant him the opportunity to hear the case due to a lack of computer connectivity and time of day the meeting was taking place.

Osenkowski said, "He (Tucker) said he is upset because there is no need for an immediate decision... he is



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5	Michelle Kirby	Rochester	Andy Hammerman	Chugchilan Ecu	Co-Ed Division	1:06:14	2nd Place
6	Matt Buckley	Mattapoissett	Peter MacGregor	Rochester	Open Division	1:09:28	
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9	Terry Allen	Acushnet	Josh Allen	Acushnet	Open Division	1:10:22	
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12	Jake Eleniefsky	Rochester	Gary Eleniefsky	Rochester	Open Division	1:11:15	
13	Cole Ducharme	Wareham	Eric Ducharme	Wareham	Open Division	1:11:33	
14	Drew Weaver	Mattapoissett	Jeff Eldridge	Rochester	Open Division	1:12:37	
15	Haley MacGregor	Mattapoissett	Ian MacGregor	Mattapoissett	Co-Ed Division	1:13:35	
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37	Ellsea Roy	Rochester	Bailey Cadorette	Fairhaven	Girls' Junior Division	1:38:45	1st Place
38	Kristen Roy	Mattapoissett	Camdyn Roy	Mattapoissett	Women's Division	1:39:51	
39	Seth Bettencourt	Fairhaven	Sean Landry	Rochester	Open Division	1:52:51	
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not in favor of this because the ZBA was not in favor."

Crain, speaking to the remote meeting process, said of Tucker's comments to her, "He has not been able to attend. We can't hear his perspective because he has not been able to participate remotely." "We are doing what is allowed by the governor's orders," she continued then added, "...it comes down to his disagreement with the remote hearing process. He can miss one meeting; this is the third meeting... I can't speak for him otherwise."

Osenkowski was allowed to exhaust his comments and asked the board members to take Tucker's comments into consideration. "He feels like he has been left out."

But direct abutter Becky Zora, who had pleaded that the applicant should not be allowed to put a solar array on the Bowman Road property and next door to her home now, said, "It has been a long process. I just wanted to make sure that everything was honest and lawful. The applicant and the boards have done that." Of the remote meeting process, she told the Planning Board, "We have to continue to go forward in spite of COVID... If all the laws are being followed, I have no more questions... I'm overwhelmed by the amount of work you do."

Mike Huguenin, president of the Mattapoisett Land Trust referring to a letter from the MLT to the Planning Board dated May 20, said, "The site is not suitable for solar... we are firm in our conviction that you have the legal right to deny this application."



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The Planning Board reviewed specific site-plan conditions and language, was satisfied with the plans as they currently are crafted, with Ketchel going line by line over those areas that the Planning Board was responsible for conditioning, namely stormwater, roadways, lighting, screening, and construction activity. He said just before closing the public portion of the hearing, "We are here for site-plan review."

Robbins moved that the project be approved with conditions. It was a unanimous decision. A draft of the decision and conditions will be written by Crain for the board to review.

In another matter discussed informally, Crain told the board that developer Scott Snow was seeking site-plan modifications regarding a foundation for a home off Prospect Road. Currently he has moved the structure to a temporary foundation permitted by the Building Department. Robbins thought that the request was more than a minor change and asked Crain to invite Snow to the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, June 1, at 7:00 pm. Visit mattapoisett.net for remote meeting log-in details.

## Experience Key, as Flaherty Named Health Agent

*Marion Board of Health*

**By Mick Colageo**

The Marion Board of Health and Town Administrator Jay McGrail wish they could hire both of the finalists for the part-time health-agent position that was created with the retirement of Karen Walega as a shared health director of the recently dissolved Marion-Rochester Health District.

After May 21 interviews with Anna McEntee and David Flaherty and some deliberation by the board, Flaherty was hired for the job.

"(Flaherty) would hit the ground running.

Anna's bright and certainly pleasant, but David would be able to help from day one taking over in a challenging environment," stated Board of Health Vice Chairperson Dr. Ed Hoffer during the deliberations that followed both interviews.

Flaherty, who has already been working successfully for Marion on a consulting basis, will report directly to McGrail. His official hire was pending successful negotiations.

According to McGrail, Marion was outsourcing restaurant and pool inspections under the district-era plan and paying the now-defunct health district \$60,000 per year. The new part-time salary, he said, was expected to fall in the \$30,000 range. "I think the town is going to save some money at least in the short term," he said.

Flaherty has worked in public health for 18 years, as a health agent, a health inspector of Title 5 installations, including work as a certified pool operator. He also worked with Walega in Wareham on emergency



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#### Thursday May 28, 2020

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM On the Move  
8:30 AM Recovery Fitness  
9:00 AM Mattapoissett COA Yoga with Tracy Clarke  
10:07 AM Mind Matters  
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
11:03 AM Health Source  
11:30 AM Lucy's Big Beautiful World of Painting  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM New England Cooks  
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
2:32 PM Let's Talk Business  
3:30 PM Perils for Pedestrians  
4:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update  
4:38 PM Call to Action COVID-19  
5:00 PM Books and the World  
5:30 PM Registers Report  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Arts Alive  
7:00 PM The Cinemaniacs!  
8:00 PM Stop My Crisis  
8:30 PM Science 360  
9:30 PM Money Matters TV  
10:00 PM Learning Music with Pat  
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show  
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

#### Friday May 29, 2020

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Health Source  
8:00 AM On the Move  
9:00 AM Generation Conversation  
9:32 AM The Art of Being Human  
10:00 AM Seniors on the Move  
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
11:00 AM Recovery Fitness  
11:30 AM Cape Conversation  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM New England Cooks  
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
2:32 PM Fox Robbins Report  
3:00 PM Perils for Pedestrians  
3:30 PM Arts Alive  
4:00 PM In the Toy Box  
4:30 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update  
5:08 PM Call to Action COVID-19  
5:30 PM Stop My Crisis  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM The Chico and Bman Show  
7:00 PM Mr. Scammer  
7:30 PM The Chundria Show  
8:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
8:30 PM Gay USA  
9:30 PM The Cinemaniacs!

#### 10:30 PM The David Pakman Show

#### 11:30 PM Democracy Now!

#### Saturday May 30, 2020

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoons  
9:00 AM What's New? Massachusetts  
9:30 AM On the Move  
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
11:00 AM Perils for Pedestrians  
11:30 AM The Art of Being Human  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM New England Cooks  
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
2:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
3:00 PM Off the Shelf  
3:30 PM Arts Alive  
4:00 PM The Chundria Show  
4:30 PM Science 360  
5:30 PM Recovery Recreation TV  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update  
7:08 PM Call to Action COVID-19  
7:30 PM The Chico and Bman Show  
8:00 PM The World Fusion Show  
8:30 PM Money Matters TV  
9:00 PM Registers Report  
9:30 PM Youth Suicide  
10:00 PM Two Tons with George Lopes  
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show  
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

#### Sunday May 31, 2020

6:00 AM Veterans Voice  
7:46 AM Schvitz'n with Norm  
8:00 AM Mattapoissett Congregational Church  
8:30 AM Mental Health Matters  
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester  
10:00 AM St. Gabriels Church of Marion  
11:00 AM Health Source  
11:30 AM The Chundria Show  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM New England Cooks  
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
2:30 PM The Art of Being Human  
3:00 PM Lucy's Big Beautiful World of Painting  
3:30 PM Cape Conversation  
4:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
4:30 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update  
5:36 PM Call to Action COVID-19  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Books and the World  
7:00 PM Off the Shelf  
7:30 PM Mr. Scammer  
8:00 PM Perils for Pedestrians  
8:30 PM The Cinemaniacs!  
9:30 PM Ghost Chronicles  
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show  
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

#### Monday June 1, 2020

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM On the Move  
8:30 AM Health Talk  
9:00 AM Mattapoissett COA Yoga with Tracy Clarke  
10:07 AM The Art of Being Human  
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
11:00 AM Let's Talk Business  
11:30 AM Cape Conversation  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM New England Cooks  
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
2:32 PM Let's Talk Business  
3:00 PM The Chundria Show  
3:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
4:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update  
5:06 PM Call to Action COVID-19  
5:30 PM Learning Music with Pat  
6:00 PM Perils for Pedestrians  
7:00 PM Arts Alive  
7:30 PM The Chico and Bman Show  
8:00 PM Stop My Crisis  
8:30 PM Off the Shelf  
9:00 PM The Cinemaniacs!  
10:00 PM Fox Robbins Report  
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show  
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

#### Tuesday June 2, 2020

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM On the Move  
8:30 AM Seniors on the Move  
9:00 AM Generation Conversation  
9:32 AM Recovery Fitness  
10:00 AM Health Talk  
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
11:00 AM Cape Conversation  
11:30 AM Southcoast Matters TV  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM New England Cooks  
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
2:30 PM Learning Music with Pat  
3:00 PM Hollywood Movie Maker  
3:30 PM Perils for Pedestrians  
4:00 PM Off the Shelf  
4:30 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update  
5:00 PM Call to Action COVID-19  
5:30 PM Money Matters TV  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show  
7:00 PM Books and the World  
7:30 PM The Chico and Bman Show  
8:00 PM Science 360  
9:00 PM Stop My Crisis  
9:30 PM Gay USA  
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show  
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

#### Wednesday June 3, 2020

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM On the Move  
8:30 AM The Art of Being Human  
9:00 AM Mattapoissett COA Yoga with Tracy Clarke  
10:07 AM Health Source  
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
11:00 AM Southcoast Matters TV  
11:30 AM The World Fusion Show  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM New England Cooks  
1:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
2:30 PM Mr. Scammer  
3:00 PM Books and the World  
3:30 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update  
4:00 PM Call to Action COVID-19  
4:30 PM Registers Report  
5:00 PM The Cinemaniacs!  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Building the Future  
7:00 PM Off the Shelf  
7:30 PM Science 360  
8:30 PM Gay USA  
9:30 PM Suicide Prevention in Massachusetts  
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show  
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

## MARION GOVERNMENT

### Comcast Channel 95

### Verizon Channel 39

#### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals - May 21, 2020  
7:05 AM Marion Finance Committee - May 18, 2020  
8:00 AM Marion School Committee - May 20, 2020  
9:00 AM Marion Board of Health - May 19, 2020  
9:41 AM Marion Board of Selectman - May 5, 2020  
11:00 AM Marion Board of Selectman - May 19, 2020  
12:30 PM Marion Planning Board - May 18, 2020  
1:30 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals - May 21, 2020  
1:35 PM Marion Finance Committee - May 18, 2020  
2:30 PM Marion School Committee - May 20, 2020  
3:30 PM Marion Board of Health - May 19, 2020  
4:11 PM Marion Board of Selectman - May 5, 2020  
5:30 PM Marion Board of Selectman - May 19, 2020  
7:00 PM Marion Planning Board - May 18, 2020  
8:00 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals - May 21, 2020  
8:05 PM Marion Finance Committee - May 18, 2020  
9:00 PM Marion School Committee - May 20, 2020  
10:00 PM Marion Board of Health - May 19, 2020  
10:46 PM Marion Board of Selectman - May 5, 2020

## ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

### Comcast Channel 95

### Verizon Channel 40

#### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission - May

19, 2020  
8:38 AM Rochester Board of Selectman - May 18, 2020  
9:30 AM Rochester Planning Board - May 12, 2020  
10:12 AM Rochester Planning Board - April 28, 2020  
11:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission - May 5, 2020  
12:32 PM Rochester School Committee - May 7, 2020  
2:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - May 19, 2020  
3:38 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - May 18, 2020  
4:30 PM Rochester Planning Board - May 12, 2020  
5:12 PM Rochester Planning Board - April 28, 2020  
6:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - May 5, 2020  
7:32 PM Rochester School Committee - May 7, 2020  
9:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - May 19, 2020  
10:38 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - May 18, 2020  
11:30 PM Rochester Planning Board - May 12, 2020

## EDUCATION CHANNEL

### Comcast Channel 97

### Verizon Channel 37

#### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly  
7:30 AM Marion Natural History Museum - Rock Hound Presentation  
8:32 AM Marion Natural History Museum - Value of Native Plants  
9:00 AM Mattapoissett COA Yoga with Tracy Clarke  
10:30 AM ORRHS FORM Choral Concert - May 10, 2020  
11:31 AM Call to Action COVID-19  
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
12:30 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update  
1:00 PM Call to Action COVID-19  
1:30 PM ORRHS FORM Choral Concert - May 10, 2020  
2:31 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Wildflowers Presentation  
3:43 PM Marion Natural History Museum - The Butterfly Man  
5:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Value of Native Plants  
5:30 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update  
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
6:30 PM Call to Action COVID-19  
7:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - The Butterfly Man  
8:09 PM Marion Art Center - John Magran Presentation  
9:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Rock Hound Presentation  
10:02 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Rossini, Reed, Raum Concert  
11:30 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update

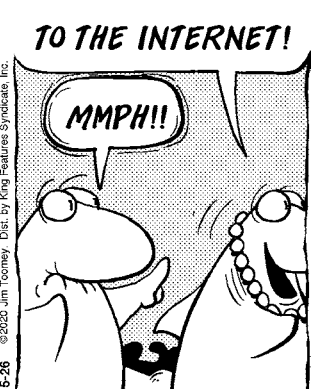
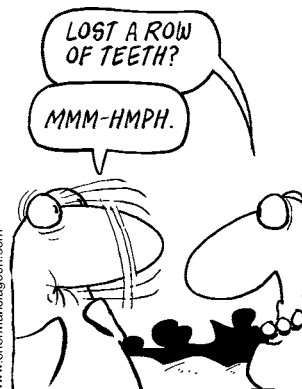
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## SHERMAN'S LAGOON

by J.P. Toomey



preparation planning, disaster-mitigation training and with an incident command system. In Raynham, he worked in the area of communicable diseases.

"I love public health. There's something new every day, something different," said Flaherty in his interview. "It's a way to help the community," on the business end with food safety, "keeping the town healthy and happy."

Flaherty's career had taken him into the administrative end because there were needs and he agreed to fill vacant roles, but he wanted to get back to public health and Marion held that opportunity.

Board of Health Chairperson John Howard asked McGrail if any information from Flaherty's previous jobs gave him concern. McGrail explained an awkward situation from several months ago in which Flaherty was hired as assistant town administrator in Harwich. The town administrator made the hire, but the town's Board of Selectmen voted against it. Flaherty had given Raynham his notice and the window closed on him returning to that job.

"I don't know that any of that was Dave's fault," said McGrail.

McEntee, 27, lacks some of Flaherty's experience and credentials but made a very strong impression.

"They're two really well-qualified people. I think either one of them would do a great job," said board member Dot Brown, who would ultimately agree with Hoffer's position. "I think they both hit (their second interviews) out of the park. David has done more of the actual job, Anna has done quite a bit of it. Being part of a team, I think she would be great at that."

McGrail, who checked on Flaherty's references and reported positive responses across the board, identified with McEntee's situation.

"I know Dave, if he came in tomorrow, he'd do a fantastic job," said McGrail. "I feel for Anna. I know what it's like to need a shot. I want to board to know if we hired Anna, we would still need to use Coastal Engineering for a while to do the sanitation piece. I wish there was a way we could (hire) both of them."

McGrail later reiterated his own situation of not having exact matching experience. "If the town hadn't taken a chance on me, I wouldn't be here," he said.

McEntee has a degree in environmental science, and has assisted sanitarians in Barnstable County conducting pool and restaurant inspections. Despite being laid off from multiple part-time jobs in the field, the Sandwich native has remained positive and industrious, working 20-30 hours a week as a nanny. A professional singer with a band, McEntee sings at funerals in Falmouth. Having eight siblings, along with many nieces, nephews, and in-laws, has been "invaluable" to her personal growth and ability to function in a team environment.

McEntee was considered a potentially great addition to Marion's team, but Flaherty also proved

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through his references and experience that he works well with others.

"I always tell people if I don't have the answer, I know who to call to get the answer," said Flaherty, identifying lead-determination inspection as an area he would seek expert assistance.

Brown asked Flaherty how he would handle a business owner insistent on opening its doors against the current guidelines. Flaherty said he would engage that proprietor in a discussion.

"Not in a derogatory way," Flaherty answered that he would seek explanation and an example of protective measures. If he did not receive a satisfactory answer, he would tell the business owner they should wait until the next phase on the governor's reopening calendar. And, if that doesn't work, he said he would tell the business owner, "You're welcome to explain yourself to the Board of Health."

"I'll give them every opportunity to explain themselves and, if they don't want to play nice, we'd go to fines or citations, however you want to handle it."

While both candidates made a strong impression, the overriding sense among the members of the board was that the occasion of the COVID-19 pandemic prioritized the more experienced candidate.

"It's hard to walk away from somebody who can start on the ground running," said Brown.

"Anna is a great lady from a great family,

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# MOVIE REVIEW

## Pain and Abel

By Rob Gonsalves  
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**Tommaso.** Starring Willem Dafoe and Cristina Chiriac. Directed by Abel Ferrara. Running time: 117 minutes. No MPAA rating. Available on streaming home video starting June 5.

In Abel Ferrara's 1993 autobiographical indie drama *Dangerous Game*, Harvey Keitel played a Ferrara-like movie director. In an especially cringe-worthy scene, Keitel confesses to his onscreen wife — played by Ferrara's *actual* then-wife — that he's had lots of on-set flings. What does it feel like directing your surrogate character to confess such things to your wife? For that matter, how did Ferrara's *wife* feel about it? (Answer: the marriage was kaput within five years.) I wondered anew while watching Ferrara's new autobiographical indie drama *Tommaso*. Here, Ferrara's avatar is Willem Dafoe, whose young Moldavian wife is played by Ferrara's current wife, Cristina Chiriac. He suspects her of infidelity; he has fantasies of hanging out with naked women and of dark, violent scenarios. For good measure, Dafoe and Chiriac's toddler daughter is played by Ferrara and Chiriac's toddler daughter Anna. Takeaway: either Cristina Chiriac has never seen *Dangerous Game* or she *really* trusts Abel Ferrara.

I was thinking other things, too, such as how fit Willem Dafoe is looking in his sixties (he's been doing Ashtanga yoga for over thirty years, and does some in the movie). His instruments, as always, are precisely aligned; he's one of the best we have. And Ferrara gives him some thick meat to chew on in *Tommaso*. Sober for six years after a netherworld of crack, coke and heroin — it appears Ferrara's *Bad Lieutenant* was more self-based than we might have thought — Dafoe's character, whom everyone calls Tommaso (or, once, Tommy), is trying very hard to be decent, to balance family life with creative life. So Dafoe gets to enact self-doubt, self-hatred, eventually self-destruction. But the scenes feel like actors' workshops — you're ashamed of not being a better father to your adopted daughters from your first marriage! Go with that! And Dafoe goes with that, but meanwhile he spends a good amount of time playing opposite Cristina Chiriac, an amiable nonactress who covers her face when she has to pretend to be crying.

There are worse ways to pass a couple hours than to watch a great actor being puppeted by a great-ish



director. It sure does dawdle, though, and daydreams like the one in which Tommaso is brought to the precinct in handcuffs — for speaking his truth too loudly, or some such banality — presume our patience. They feel like padding in an already overpadded movie. Tommaso goes to AA meetings and to teach an acting class and to attend Italian lessons, not so much to shed light on his day-to-day activities, we may feel, but to get him out of the apartment (which is also — what are the odds? — Ferrara's own apartment). Tommaso's occasional excursions to the park with his daughter seem to have no point other than to take them and us out for some fresh air in this otherwise four-walls, no-windows movie. (Well, there *is* a balcony, from which Tommaso has a fearful vision of his little girl getting *Pet Sematary*'d on a narrow street. But what a view!)

*Tommaso* is set and filmed in Ferrara's stomping grounds in Rome, not that we get to see much of the great city; the point must be that a miserable artist is miserable anywhere. Tommaso is shown tinkering fruitlessly with a script that involves a bear attack, among other things; some research reveals that the project is actually Ferrara's forthcoming film *Siberia*, also starring Dafoe, Cristina Chiriac, and Anna Ferrara. Does this make *Tommaso* the *Barton Fink* to Ferrara's *Miller's Crossing* — the smaller meta-project about creative blockage the filmmaker(s) took on while dealing with writer's block on a larger project? Who the hell knows. That script sounds livelier than anything in *Tommaso*, or, to put it more generously, *Siberia* ought to be a hell of a movie! *Tommaso* isn't bad; Ferrara simply can't sell out — even his *Body Snatchers* was a weird damn thing — and he hands the film to his great star and shouts "Be me! Be you being me! Be me being you!" But its "we have the actors and the locations, let's go do it" improvisatory spirit isn't enough to sustain our full engagement for almost two hours. When Ferrara goes, there'll be reason to mourn; many reasons. By and large, *Tommaso*, for all its art-house sincerity, won't be among them.



but in terms of what we need especially now I think Dave is ready and, with his own consulting work, he's comfortable taking the part-time job," said Howard.

McGrail said he was impressed with Flaherty's respectful manner, especially considering his experience. He reported to the board that Flaherty came recommended by Dave Mason, the health agent in Sandwich with whom McGrail worked for two years. "That counts for a lot," he said.

Howard, who had experience with municipal government in Wareham, said that he had never heard anything negative about Flaherty.

Brown made the motion to authorize McGrail to offer the job to Flaherty. Hoffer seconded the motion and the ayes were unanimous. "I'm going to try to get him to start next week. We need the help," said McGrail.

Howard thanked Brown, McGrail, and Assistant Town Administrator Judy Mooney for their work in the interview process.

Being below the 20-hour threshold, the job is not a benefits position. "Up over time it may become that, but right now it's not," said McGrail.

Public Health Nurse Kathleen Downey asked the board who will serve as the department head. Brown suggested more work needs to be done before that decision should be made.

Brown noted that one other candidate under serious consideration wanted full-time work in the immediate and that, while both finalists were willing to transition into a full-time role, neither made it a prerequisite for candidacy.

On Tuesday, June 16, the Board of Health will hold a 6:00 pm public hearing regarding the proposed septic-system regulation.

### Challenges Ahead for New Public Health Nurse

*Mattapoisett Board of Health*

**By Matthew Donato**

The Mattapoisett Board of Health held a public meeting on May 9 to determine which applicant would be selected for the role of public health nurse. The meeting

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# OBITUARIES

**Shirley J. (Parker) Hughes**, 90, of Marion, died May 17, 2020 at home. She was the wife of the late John H. Hughes who died in 1985 and the daughter of the late Henry W. and Elizabeth E. (Davie) Parker.

She was born in Arlington and graduated from Concord High School.

After high school, Mrs. Hughes worked as a Professional Personnel Clerk at MIT and Harvard University.

She was a member of the Appalachian Hiking Club and Beverly Yacht Club. She loved skiing, hiking, and sailing. Following their marriage, Shirley and John purchased a 44 ft. Mercer and set off on a 3-year sailing adventure to the Caribbean, Europe, and around the world. Upon returning in 1969, they purchased their home in Marion where Shirley lived until her passing.

Survivors include a sister, Claire Creelman of FL and several nieces and nephews. Her sister, Norma Nickerson died in February.

At Shirley's request, there will be no services.

Arrangements are by the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., Wareham.

For online guestbook, visit: [www.ccgfuneralhome.com](http://www.ccgfuneralhome.com).



**Thomas H. Buffinton**, age 99, of Plymouth, MA, formerly of Marion, died peacefully on Saturday, May 16. He was the husband of the late Sally (Waring) Buffinton for 69 years.

Born November 8, 1920 in Williamstown, MA to the late Professor Arthur H. Buffinton and Mary (Edwards) Buffinton. As a young student at Williamstown High School he was a class officer, Student Council member and Captain of the football team. He graduated from Williams College in the Class of 1944 and earned his Master's degree from Trinity College in 1955. He served in the Pacific in the Navy, as a Lt (jg) Combat Information Officer. His destroyer, the USS Sutherland, was the first US war ship to enter Tokyo Bay at the conclusion of World War II.

Proud to be an educator, his first assignment was at Suffield Academy in CT. In 1952 he moved to Marion and taught at Tabor Academy where he spent the remainder of his career as a History Teacher, Coach, Athletic Director, Dean of the Tabor Summer Camp and Chairman of the History Department. He received the Trustee's Award for Distinguished Service and was inducted into the first class of the Tabor Athletic Hall of Fame. He also received a Fellow at the John Hay Summer Institute at Williams College; served as the Assistant Director of the John Hay Summer Institute at the University of Oregon; served as President of the New England Preparatory School Athletic Council (NEPSAC); was awarded the Rudolf Weyerhaeuser Driscoll Chair for History at Tabor and received

the NEPSAC Distinguished Service Award.

What was most important to him throughout his career, was his time teaching. He taught English, Math, European, Medieval & Ancient History and finally, his true passion, American History. He didn't teach dates and places, he taught "what, when, how and why." In the context of an historical event, he taught what happened, how it occurred and why it impacted life and history. Additionally, he taught his students how to write and to think critically. During retirement, his days continued to be full and he was happiest when spending time with his beloved family, sailing on Buzzards Bay, consuming history books, gardening and cheering for his favorite sports teams.

He is survived by his son Thomas H. Buffinton, III and his wife Wendy of Plymouth, MA and his daughter Holly Buffinton Bove and her husband Vic of Essex, MA. Additionally, he leaves 5 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren, along with several nieces and nephews.

Due to current restrictions, a private service will be held and a celebration to honor his memory will be planned at a later date. To acknowledge the incredible care he received, the family has asked that contributions be made in his memory to Cranberry Hospice, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Suite 326, Plymouth, MA 02360.

Arrangements have been made by the Waring-Sullivan Home at Fairlawn, Fairhaven, MA.



**Mary O. (Ornellas) Ferreira**, 102 of New Bedford died May 20, 2020 peacefully at St. Luke's Hospital.

She was the wife of the late Manuel B. Ferreira.

Born in New Bedford, the daughter of the late Manuel and Maria (Souza) Ornellas, she lived in New Bedford all of her life.

Mrs. Ferreira was formerly employed as a stitcher at Eastern Sportswear for many years until her retirement.

Survivors include her son, Thomas Ferreira and his wife Margaret of Mattapoisett; 2 brothers, Antone Ornellas of Idaho and Joseph Ornellas of Acushnet; a sister, Celia Bennett of California; 4 grandchildren, Mark Ferreira of Winthrop, Jane Connolly of East Sandwich, Kristen Ferreira of Mattapoisett, Matthew Ferreira of Henrico, VA; 7 great-grandchildren, Benjamin Ferreira, Beau Ferreira and Brooke Ferreira, all of Henrico, VA, Meghan Seguin of Mattapoisett, Patrick Connolly, Sean Connolly and Jack Connolly, all of East Sandwich.

She was the sister of the late Manuel Ornellas, Jr., John Ornellas and Norma Martin.

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was held with board members on-site in a conference room, and remote access was provided via conference call.

The board began with the announcement that the final decision of who would fill the position was not arrived at with ease. "We would have no problem with any of these candidates," said Board Member Russell Bailey. "They are all well-qualified."

The current crisis weighed heavily on the board's decision. The challenges surrounding COVID-19 made it clear to the members that their choice on the matter was more pressing and salient than under normal circumstances. With those considerations noted, the discussion on the matter was closed when the board put forth a motion that applicant Emily Field be hired for the position. The motion was approved by the board with unanimous consent from the members.

Field, a native of Marion, holds a Master's degree in nursing from Boston College and attended Monash University to study community health. With over 20 years of experience in nursing and related roles, the board felt that Field would be the best fit for the position going forward.

Field will take on the position as soon as possible. She will begin the role under the guidance of current Mattapoisett Public Health Nurse Amanda Stone. Field will shadow Stone until she is able to grasp a full understanding of the position and until Stone makes her transition out of the role.

There is no question that Field inherits the position under trying circumstances. With the state set to reopen, public health officials will certainly face a unique set of challenges.

The board transitioned to a discussion regarding COVID-19 and the impact of the first phase of reopening across the state. Stone noted that Mattapoisett currently has a total of 29 confirmed cases of the virus. That number is up from a total of 21 cases reported on May 9. The increase is slight, and Stone noted that, of the cases confirmed at this time, most are recovered and no longer active.

With the reopening on the way, Stone expressed that there may be an increase in cases as people expand

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their social circle. "Even with measures like social distancing and masks, they will still be coming into contact with more people and increase the potential risks for infection," Stone warned the board.

Stone cautioned that an increase in people relocating for the summer could also result in a spike of cases. The recommendation is still that anyone arriving from out-of-state quarantine for 14 days. Despite the initial stage of reopening suggesting a relaxing of guidelines, Stone advised a strict adherence to the social distancing and mask regulations that are already in place.

In terms of combatting potential spikes in infection, Stone also mentioned the importance of community tracing. "Community tracing is going to be very helpful," said Stone. "There are particular cases that are high risk and require more significant care. It is hugely time-consuming checking to make sure that people in quarantine have the services they need to remain safely in isolation."

In addition to contact tracing, Stone also provided updates on the protocols for COVID-19 testing. "Everyone who has come in contact with someone with the virus is now recommended to go and get tested," said Stone. Even if you come into contact and display no symptoms, Stone still recommended that a test take place.

Stone continued by clarifying confusions surrounding the antibody testing for coronavirus. "Even with antibodies, the recommendation is that they

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**Janice E. (Long) Bolton**, 74, of Fall River, passed away on Friday, May 22, 2020 at Catholic Memorial Home. She was the wife of the late Daniel Bolton.

Mrs. Bolton was born in New Bedford, daughter of the late Elsie M. Long and had been a longtime resident of Westport before relocating to Fall River. Prior to her retirement, she worked as librarian of the Mattapoisett Public Library for many years. She was a member of the Unitarian Universal Church, Fairhaven. A lover of everything outdoors, she enjoyed jogging, kayaking, cross-country skiing and her favorite, quahogging on the Westport River.

Survivors include her son: Ronald E. Besse, Jr. of Fall River; her daughter: Christine M. Besse of Fall River; 3 grandchildren: Danielle, Alyson and Samantha; and 2 great grandchildren: Ajay and Aidyn.

A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st Street, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131.



**Josephine Mary Pannell**, of Mattapoisett, died peacefully in her home on May 21, 2020 in the company of her family at the age of 92. Jo was born in London, England on December 10, 1927, the daughter of Ann Margaret and John Lyons. Raised in Essex with her siblings Maureen, Michael and Patrick, she grew up during WW II and shared many stories told through childhood eyes of bombings, air raid shelters, short-

ages and soldiers, all of which were exciting to a young teen age girl. Jo married Peter Pannell in 1949 and they emigrated to Port Washington, Long Island, NY and began their own family. She was the beloved mother of Mary, John, Elizabeth, Victoria and Alexandra. She was the beloved mother-in-law to John, Marjorie, James, Albert and Stephen. In 1974 Jo relocated to Mattapoisett, MA and embraced the town with the same sense of community and volunteerism that had always been a part of her life. She was a long time advocate of Girl Scouting, Friends of the Library, Mattapoisett Historical Commission, Brick Memorial Park and the Council on Aging along with her dear friend Bette Roberts. Jo was honored as The Standard Times 2016 Mattapoisett Woman of the Year. She

was an active member and lector at St. Anthony's RC Church and sang with abundant enthusiasm in the church choir and Sippican Coral Society. Jo worked for 15 years at Endeco in Marion, MA. Her greatest delight was her extensive family in England which she visited often and the large network of grandchildren in America. She was the beloved grandmother to Michaela, Patrick, Kathleen, Peter, James, John Robert, Emily, Miles, Shawn, Graham, Daniel, Charlotte and Simon and great grandmother to nine great grandchildren. She never forgot a birthday card or gift and was willing to create a sweater, scarf, pecan pie or "grandpa's stew" for any occasion. She was loved and will be heartfully missed by all that knew and enjoyed her warmth and company.

A memorial service will be held at a later date to celebrate her life. In lieu of flowers, Donations in Josephine's name can be made to The Friends of the Mattapoisett Free Library, P.O. Box 1146 Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, please visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com).



**Joseph E. Doubrava**, 92, of Mattapoisett, MA, died on Saturday, May 16, 2020 at Saint Luke's Hospital following a brief period of declining health initiated by a fall and complicated by infection with COVID-19.

Joe was born in Bayside, New York and as a young man enjoyed swimming, sailing and golfing. As a 17 year-old he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served in the Pacific during the last months of World War II. He later reenlisted in the Marines, serving during the Korean War.

Following the war, Joe met and married Dora Kate Vollgraff of Lake Grove, NY. The couple shared almost 67 years of marriage, living in Bellport, Lake Grove and Mattituck, NY before moving to Mattapoisett, MA in 2013. Together they raised four children and witnessed the birth and growth of five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. As an adult Joe had many interests: he was a licensed amateur radio operator, restored wooden boats, enjoyed fishing, building wooden models, vegetable gardening, walking and visiting the ever expanding array of licensed gaming facilities. Much of his career was devoted to sales, operating his own business during the 1970s. In retirement Joe began a second career delivering meals to the elderly and was known for his kindness throughout Southold Township.

Joe is survived by his wife Dora Kate of Mattapoisett, MA; children Tim and his wife Christine Doubrava of Riverhead, NY, Jeff and his wife Beth Doubrava of Marion, MA, Derrick and his wife Debbie Doubrava of Highland, NY and Tracey Doubrava of Hingham, MA; grandchildren Andrew

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also get tested for coronavirus,” Stone told the board members. “There have been many false positives, and having antibodies does not mean that you are no longer infectious.”

The board explained that the primary goal in this challenge is to promote awareness of the impact of coronavirus so that everyone understands the importance of social distancing and continuing to wear masks. For businesses reopening, the board hopes to act as a channel to address concerns and demonstrate why the community should continue to follow guidelines.

“The better we do during Phase 1, the faster we will be able to move towards Phase 2. We need to communicate that this is where we are at, and this is

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Doubrava and fiancé Tiffani Ortiz, Alex and his wife Renata Doubrava, Erin and her husband Billy Buboltz, USMC 2nd Lt. Matthew Doubrava and Emma Finnerty; and great grandchildren Isabella and Alexander.

He was predeceased by his sister, Geraldine, who died in April 2020 at age 97.

A memorial service will be planned when conditions allow. For online guestbook, visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com).



**Christopher John LaRochelle**, 53, passed away on May 15, 2020 at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston following a sudden, brief illness. Chris was the beloved son of Ronald and Cecile (Guimond) La-Rochelle of Marion. Born on April 1, 1967 in New Bedford, he was a '85 graduate of ORRHS and a talented carpenter by trade.

Chris was an accomplished home cook and particularly enjoyed preparing complicated recipes for family gatherings, much to the delight of everyone in attendance. More recently, he cultivated an organic garden to support his cooking passion. He enjoyed researching best practices for cooking and gardening and never tired of teaching anyone what he had learned. He will be greatly missed and always remembered for his delicious food, his quick wit, his ability to teach his old dog new tricks, his long and detailed memory and the funny stories with which he loved entertaining his family.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his sister Christine Payette and her husband Matthew of Dartmouth, his much-loved nephews and niece, Lucas, Simone and Eric Payette and extended family around the country.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, a memorial Mass is planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Christopher LaRochelle to the Massachusetts General Hospital, Palliative Care Service Fund, 125 Nashua Street, Suite 540, Boston, MA 02114. <https://giving.massgeneral.org/donate/> Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett



**Lucille B. (Marchessault) Sobral**, 95 of Acushnet died May 24, 2020 at Sacred Heart Home.

She was the wife of the late Fernand Sobral. Born in New Bedford, the daughter of the late Aldei and Rosilda (Dumaine) Marchessault, she lived in New Bedford before moving to Acushnet 40 years ago.

Mrs. Sobral was a communicant of St. Rose of Lima Church.

She was formerly employed as a stitcher with several local textile mills for many years until her retirement.

She was a member of the Red Hat Society and she enjoyed Bingo.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Jane Parsons and her husband David of Marion and Cynthia Aguiar and her companion Bill Lopes of New Bedford; a granddaughter, Jennifer Aguiar of Swansea.

Due to current restrictions on public gatherings, her services and burial will be private for immediate family. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. For full obituary and online condolence book, please visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com).



**George L. Hossfield, Jr.**, 97, of Mattapoisett MA died May 12, 2020 in his apartment in Carbondale IL. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 67 years, M. Jaqueline (Dwyer) Hossfield in 2015.

Born in Paterson, NJ to the late George L. Hossfield and Frieda E. (Marty) Hossfield, he lived in Paterson and Teaneck NJ, Cambridge, Quincy, Walpole, and Mattapoisett MA. He had wintered in Dunedin, FL for 30 years and summered in Mattapoisett since 1972. He passed away in Carbondale under the care of his loving daughter.

Born into a family who treasured music, Mr. Hossfield began playing the piano like his father at a young age and played the violin in his high school orchestra. He focused on classical piano and became a proficient pianist filling his home with the sounds of Beethoven, Chopin, Bach and Mozart.

After graduating from Teaneck High School, Mr. Hossfield studied electrical engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Cambridge, MA having his studies interrupted by WWII. He served as a weather forecaster in the U.S. Army Air Force during the war and was able to return to his studies and graduate as an electrical engineer from MIT after the war. He worked for a power company after graduation and married M. Jacqueline Dwyer June 5, 1948. They lived in Quincy before buying their first home in Walpole. Later he earned a masters degree in Business Administration from Northeastern University.

While living in Walpole Mr. Hossfield was an active member of the Epiphany Episcopal Church (Superintendent of Sunday School), the Azure Masonic Lodge and Troop 97 of the Boy Scouts of America. He was an avid gardener and bee keeper. He learned carpentry and fine cabinetry at a trade school to add an attached garage and bedroom on his first house and built all the kitchen and bathroom cabinets and a second bathroom in his second home in addition to many other home projects. He was very interested in geology and a member of the Boston Mineral Club. He brought his family to many mines to chisel out various specimens, bringing them home to create an impressive collection that has delighted



where we are trying to move toward," said Stone.

Health Agent Kayla Davis applauded the community's efforts and participation in adhering to guidelines. "I have gotten more praise than complaints, and the complaints are (coming from) people who want to make sure that people are following the guidelines correctly," said Davis.

With the matter settled, the board moved on to discuss the town's capacity to receive funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. The CARES Act grants assistance to impacted communities through state funding that is provided by the federal government.

Board members communicated an ongoing process with administrators to issue requests for reimbursement for costs associated with COVID-19. There were suggestions that, given the current circumstances, it would be advantageous if the funding could be used to support the new public health nurse. There is no exact figure for the amount of funding to be received through the CARES Act, but it is expected to be significant.

The board ended with a clear declaration that its members are available to answer any questions or concerns put forth by community members.

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## Library Prepares for Reopening, Budget Cuts

*Mattapoisett Library Board of Trustees*

**By Marilou Newell**

"People have been so desperate for books," stated Susan Pizzolato, Mattapoisett Public Library Director, during the May 21 meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Trustees.

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many visitors.

While a student at MIT he began sailing on the Charles River and taught his future wife to enjoy sailing as well. Later he taught his children and grandchildren to sail and was active in the Power Squadron where he mastered seamanship and celestial navigation. He sailed his own boats on lakes in Maine and Massachusetts and in the sea in Boston Harbor and Buzzards Bay, spending weekends sailing to Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, the Elizabethan Islands and Block Island. He shared a love of the ocean with his wife and in 1972 they purchased their home on the water in Mattapoisett MA where they enjoyed the association of the Point Connett and Mattapoisett community and hosted almost constant visits from children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family and friends. He spent many hours in his later years sitting on their deck watching children play on the sandbars and sailboat races across the bay and greeting all the neighbors as they passed by. In Mattapoisett he was a member of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Marion, MA and the Pythagorean Masonic Lodge in Marion.

Through his employment with Allis-Chalmers he spent many months traveling in Europe, learning German, French, and Dutch and loving all the people and their cultures. Later he brought his wife and sons with him to Europe, Japan, and China on various trips. He also went out of his way to visit relatives and his ancestral homes in Switzerland and Germany.

While wintering in Florida Mr. Hossfield enjoyed

participating in all the Cedar Creek Court social activities and he became co-editor with his wife of the monthly newsletter for 17 years. He also began studying, collecting, cleaning and classifying sea shells. His wife got him to share her zest for yard sales.

Survivors include three sons, George Hossfield, III and his wife Jing of Sandown, NH, Robin Hossfield and his wife Linda of Vero Beach, FL, and Dale Hossfield of Vero Beach, FL; a daughter, Brooke Thibeault and her husband Thom of Carbondale, IL; 13 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews with whom he corresponded.

He was the brother of the late Berenice Hossfield Voght of Charleston RI.

A celebration of life is being planned for sometime in the summer when the pandemic allows. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St Gabriel's Episcopal Church, PO Box 545, Marion MA 02738 or the Masonic Brotherhood Fund, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, 186 Tremont St., Boston MA 02111.

Arrangements are with the Neptune Society of Florida and Meredith Funeral Home, 300 S University Ave, Carbondale, IL 62901.

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# TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



## MARION

### Log highlights May 17-May 23

- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Ichabod Ln – Smoke investigation
- Gifford's Corner Rd – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd - Fraud
- Derby Ln – Paper service
- Front St – Animal control
- Bayview Rd – Paper service
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Zora Rd – Suspicious person
- Pleasant St – Suspicious activity
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Wareham Rd – Road hazard
- Mill St – Brush fire
- Delano Rd – Emergency services
- Wareham Rd – Paper service
- Point Rd – Parking enforcement
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Benson Brook Rd – Suspicious activity
- Front St – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Wareham Rd – Road hazard
- Mill St – MV collision
- Planting Island Rd – Waterways
- Rocky Knook Ln – Animal complaint
- Point Rd - Disturbance
- Point Rd - Disturbance
- Wareham Rd – Animal complaint
- Point Rd – Family disturbance

## MATTAPOISETT

### Log highlights May 17-May 23

- Fairhaven Rd – Ambulance request
- Water St – Animal control
- County Rd – Assist citizen
- Holly Ln – Suspicious persons
- I195 West – MV accident
- Ocean Dr – Structure fire
- Church St – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Church St – Ambulance request
- Prospect Rd – Follow up investigation
- River Rd – MV lockout
- Neds Point Rd - Complaint
- Long Plain Rd – MV fire
- Avenue A – Abandoned 911
- Tallman St - Disturbance
- Water St – Animal control
- North St – Property found
- Beach Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Meadowbrook Ln – MV lockout
- Hiawatha Way – Immediate threat
- Fairhaven Rd – Suspicious persons
- Pine Island Rd – Animal control
- Water St – Parking complaint
- Neds Point Rd – Harbormaster
- Upland Way – Suspicious persons
- County Rd – MV crash
- Fairhaven Rd – Health/welfare
- County Rd – Property lost
- Pine Island Rd – Animal control
- County Rd – MV lockout

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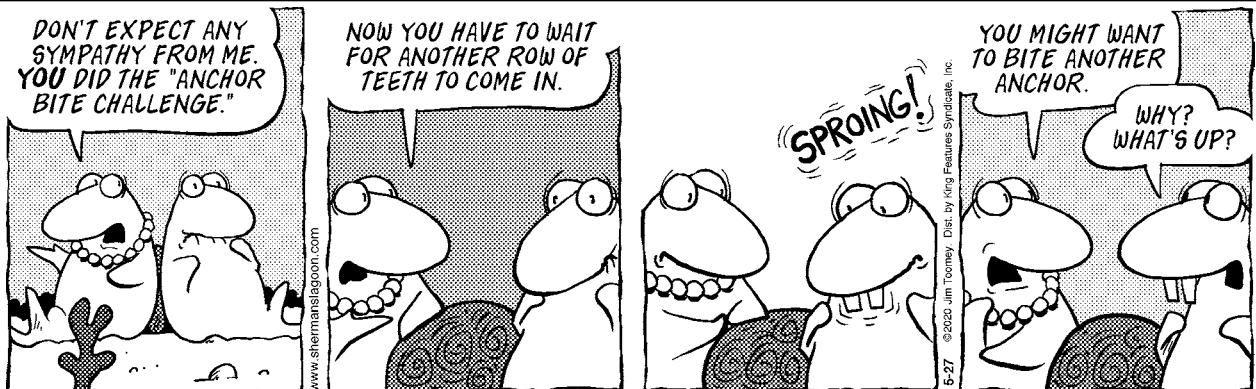
### Log highlights May 17-May 23

- Negus Way –Illegal dumping
- Mendell Rd - Disturbance
- High St – Medical emergency
- Snipatuit Rd – Gas leak
- Marion Rd – Assist citizen
- Mattapoisett Rd – Suspicious activity
- Dexter Ln - Investigation
- Clapp Rd – MV accident
- Wordell St – Officer follow-up
- North Ave – MV stop/summons
- Robinson Rd – Suspicious activity
- Hartley Rd – Suspicious MV
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious MV
- Negus Way – Suspicious MV
- North Ave – MV stop/summons
- Neck Rd – Animal control
- Paradise Ln – Suspicious MV
- County Rd – MV accident
- Cushman Rd – MV stop/citation
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/summons
- Robinson Rd – Medical emergency
- Marion Rd – Medical emergency
- Marys Pond Rd – Road hazard
- Marion Rd – 911 call
- Bryant Ln – Brush fire
- Mattapoisett Rd – Erratic operation
- Randall Rd – Noise complaint
- High St – Medical emergency
- Dexter Ln - Harassment

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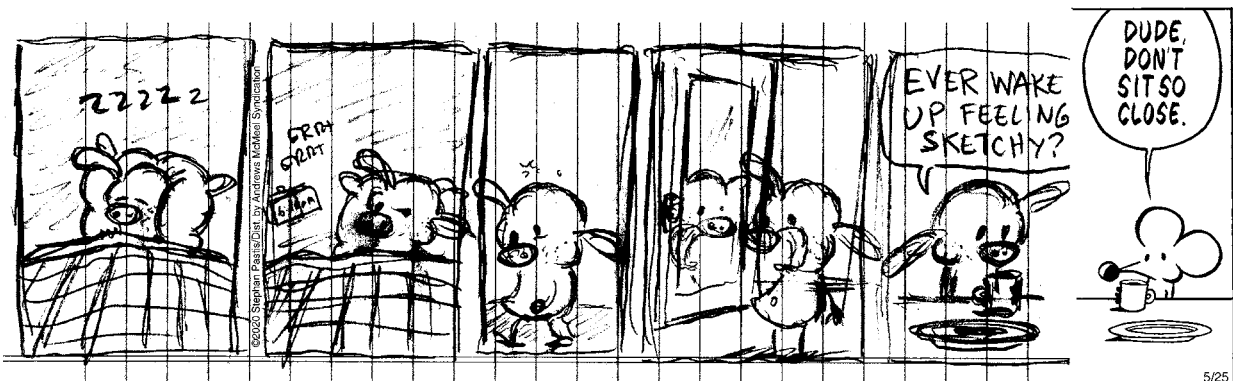
## SHERMAN'S LAGOON

by J.P. Toomey



## PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

by Stephan Pastis



Mattapoisett Public Library, Pizzolato made up give-away bags from books that under normal circumstances would have been sold at the monthly library book sale. She then placed in each bag groupings of books sure to engage a book-deprived patron, marking on the outside of each paper bag hints as to what one might find inside such as New York Times bestsellers or children's picture books. The bags were then placed invitingly outside on the library's walkway. "Each bag contains three to six books," Pizzolato said. She estimated that to date 80 bags of books some 400 volumes had been distributed in this fun manner.

In her report to the board, Pizzolato said that like other town departments she had been asked to trim back the library's FY21 budget request. "The town administrator asked for a \$20,000 cut," she said. Those cuts she said would come from \$10,000 in book purchases and \$10,000 in staffing cuts. In spite of the cutbacks, Pizzolato said that state aid could be used for salaries as well as book purchases.

Given this challenging time, Massachusetts Library Association regulations on book purchasing has been relaxed due to library closures. Pizzolato said that under normal circumstances state aid would be reserved for programs and equipment. She also shared that raising money for book purchases was easier than staffing costs.

In April, Pizzolato said the library had received a grant of \$13,500 for STEM and art-related materials. "The grant came just in the nick of time."

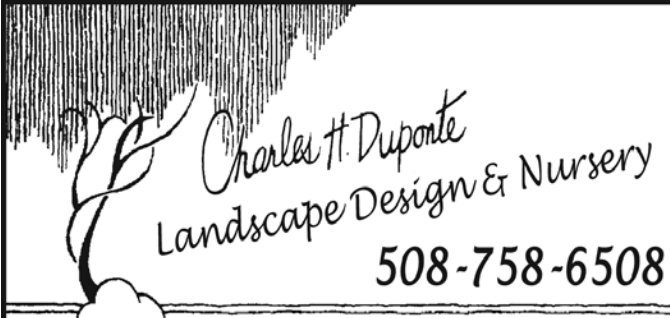
Regarding COVID-19 economic implications for the library, Pizzolato said that MLA had advised libraries that whatever spending had been completed by March 10 would be sufficient for the balance of the fiscal year to meet spending regulations.

As for reopening the library, Pizzolato said, "We still don't know what the requirements will be." What she is sure of will be the necessity for additional spending for deep-cleaning services and disinfecting. "Staff will be responsible for high-volume touch areas throughout the day," she said.

At the front desk on the main floor and in the children's department, Pizzolato said plastic shields will be installed along with "a lot of rearranging for distancing... and the need to wear masks." She believes that the library will have to control access to about 20-percent capacity. "We have to figure out how to move people through the library."

Some rules are quite clear however. "Each staffer will use one computer (and) one phone, which will be disinfected when they leave," Pizzolato shared.

Pizzolato said she wanted to be, "positive about you can do, not what you can't do," with respect to using library services. She said she would be using ORCTV to reach patrons who might not be using a computer. "We'll have curbside delivery; people can call and we'll get the books ready for them," she said with a smile. And when can people expect to go back into the library? "It will be



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down the road quite a bit before we have people back in the library."

Regulations from various sources have presented a bit of a snag in preparing re-opening plans, Pizzolato stated. She said that she had received guidelines from the CDC, library association, Massachusetts Department of Health and the town. "I'm striving for one set of rules. There will be a lot of staff training," she added.

Chairman William Osier reported that the search committee screening candidates for the soon-to-be-vacated, library-director position is down to two finalists. He expressed pleasure at the quality and quantity of the candidates who applied for consideration of the position. "It was a national search with a lot of fascinating



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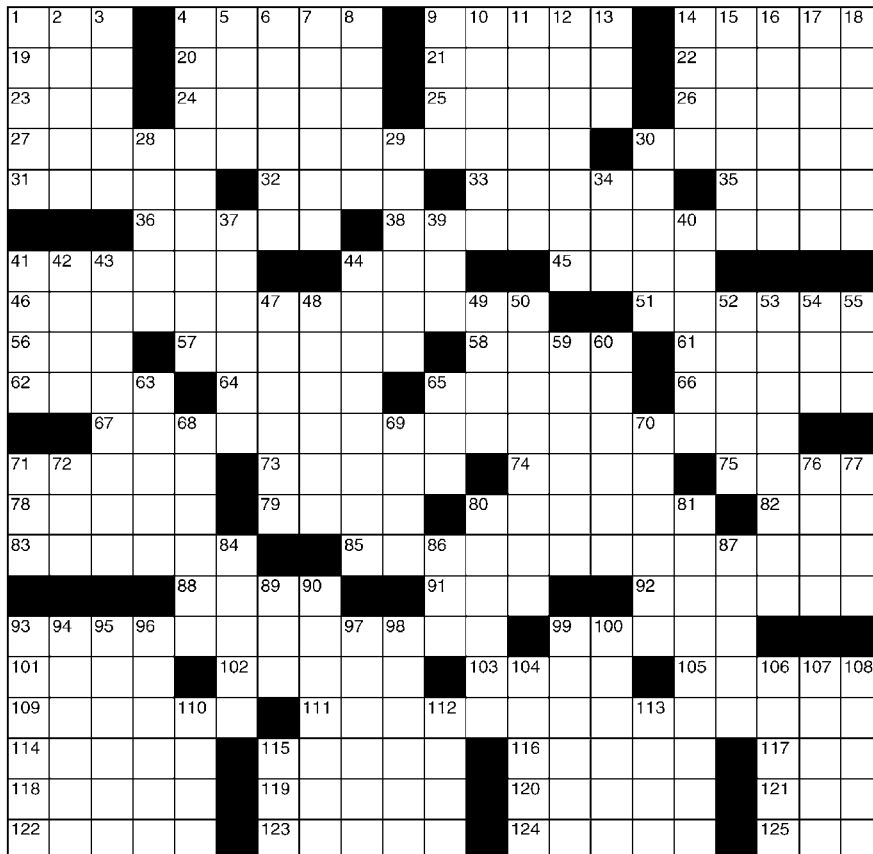
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55 "— hawl!"  
59 "Relax, Gil!"  
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70 Fasten  
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81 More elastic  
84 Fischer's skill  
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87 Apt rhyme for "treadle"  
89 Lupino of film  
90 Like always  
93 Lynx variety  
94 "Hellcats" actress Gail  
95 Expert talker  
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97 Goddess with an owl  
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# SALOME'S STARS

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You might not like some people's idea of a surprise. But you could be in for a pleasant shock when someone finally sends a reply to a request you made so long ago that you almost forgot about it.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) It's a time to expect the unexpected. So don't be surprised if a decision that just recently seemed final suddenly opens up and leaves you with another chance to make an important choice.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Taking a different tack on a work project might rattle some colleagues. But the positive results of your innovative course soon speak for themselves. Celebrate by doing something fun this weekend.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Meeting new associates can be awkward, even if you're in a high positive phase right now. Best advice: Make them feel comfortable, and you'll soon forget your own discomfort.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) It's a good time for you social Lions to blow-dry your manes, polish your claws and look like the Fabulous Felines you are as you make new friends and influence the influential.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Expectations run especially high this week, and you should feel confident in your abilities to take advantage of what might be offered. A colleague has some advice you might find helpful.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A recent flurry of activity leaves you in need of a little breathing space, and you'd be wise to take it. Close family members should have an explanation about an emergency situation that just passed.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) An insensitive act makes a difficult situation more so. But try not to waste either your physical or emotional energies in anger. Move on and let others fill the clod in on the facts of life.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) It's a good time to look into that training program or college course you've been considering. You might have a good place to use those sharpened skills sooner rather than later.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Education dominates much of your aspect during this week. You might want to start checking out those summer session courses that could help advance your career plans.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Progress often comes in fits and starts. But at least you're moving straight ahead with no backsliding. You should soon be able to pick up the pace and reach your goals in due time.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Be wary of a deal that gives confusing answers to your questions. Remember: It's always risky swimming in unknown waters, so you need all the help you can get to stay on course.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a way of bringing people together and creating close friendships wherever you go.

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candidates," he said.

On Thursday, May 28, at 9:00 am, the two finalists, who were not named, will be interviewed by the trustees. That remote public meeting will be posted at [mattapoissett.net](http://mattapoissett.net).

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*The views expressed in the "Letters to the Editor" column are not necessarily those of The Wanderer, its staff or advertisers. The Wanderer will gladly accept any and all correspondence relating to timely and pertinent issues in the great Marion, Mattapoissett and Rochester area, provided they include the author's name, address and phone number for verification. We cannot publish anonymous, unsigned or unconfirmed submissions. The Wanderer reserves the right to edit, condense and otherwise alter submissions for purposes of clarity and/or spacing considerations. The Wanderer may choose to not run letters that thank businesses, and The Wanderer has the right to edit letters to omit business names. The Wanderer also reserves the right to deny publication of any submitted correspondence.*

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Alterations, Repairs & Custom Designs

On behalf of the Old Rochester Regional School Committee and Massachusetts Superintendency Union #55 School Committee, we would like to formally announce the hiring of Michael S. Nelson as the next Superintendent of Schools for the Old Rochester Regional School District and Massachusetts Superintendency Union #55. On Monday, May 18, 2020 the Joint School Committees voted unanimously to approve the contract for Mr. Nelson.

Mr. Nelson will succeed Dr. Douglas White. Dr. White has served as the Superintendent of our school district since February 2010. We are very thankful for the great progress our schools have made under the direction and leadership of Dr. White. We wish Dr. White our very best as he heads into retirement and thank him for his service to our school district.

Mr. Nelson has worked in the school district since July 2014, when he was hired as the Director of Student Services. In October 2019, Mr. Nelson was appointed the Assistant Superintendent of Teaching, Learning and Student Services.

Mr. Nelson will begin his tenure as the Superintendent of our school district on July 1, 2020. We hope you will join us in welcoming Mr. Nelson to his new role and stand committed, as we are, to the continued progress of the Old Rochester Regional School District and Massachusetts Superintendency Union #55 under his leadership.

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# TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Memorial Day weekend was quiet this year, but on Friday morning flags marked the grave sites of U.S. military buried at Old Landing Cemetery in Marion. Photos by Mick Colageo



Bob and Bill Field and Sue Wilbur help assist a swarm to the hive (in a truck) on Sunday in the cemetery near Sue's grandma's grave. Photo by Jennifer F. Shepley

(left) A Lesser Yellowlegs fishing in Eel Pond in Mattapoisett. Photo by Faith Ball



A trash truck was up in smoke on Long Plain Road in Mattapoisett last week. Before I knew it, engines and firemen appeared in full gear. The Fire Department had the driver dump all the trash in a field near the road where the fire could be more safely extinguished. Photos by Ellie Higgins

**These photos and more are available online at [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com)**



Sincerely yours,  
Cary Humphrey, Chairperson, ORR School Committee  
Shannon Finning, Chairperson, Massachusetts  
Superintendency Union #55

### Academic Achievements

**Samuel Appleton** and **Margaret Wiggin** of Mattapoisett received bachelor of arts degrees from College of the Holy Cross during a virtual celebration of the Class of 2020 on May 22. The live video program, during which graduates received electronic diplomas, featured a special message from director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and Holy Cross alumnus Dr. Anthony Fauci '62.

**Patrick Andrew O'Neil** of Rochester was recently named to the University of Mississippi's Spring 2020 Honor Roll lists, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.50-3.74. In order to be eligible for honor roll designation, a student must have completed at least 12 graded hours for the semester and may not be on academic probation during the semester.

Northeastern University is pleased to recognize those students who distinguish themselves academically during the course of the school year. Mattapoisett resident **Noah Greany**, a Northeastern University student majoring in cell and molecular biology, was recently named to the University's dean's list for the Spring semester, which ended in April 2020. To achieve the dean's list distinction, students must carry a full program of at least four courses, have a quality point average of 3.5 or greater out of a possible 4.0 and carry no single grade lower than a C- during the course of their college career. Each student receives a letter of commendation and congratulation from their college dean.

MCPHS University is pleased to announce the students who have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester:

**Krishna Patel** is a native of Mattapoisett and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Global Healthcare Management. Krishna will graduate in 2021 from the Boston, Massachusetts campus.

**Jenna Howard** is a native of Mattapoisett and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography. Jenna will graduate in 2020 from the Worcester, Massachusetts campus.

The Dean's List recognizes those students with a full-time course load who have achieved outstanding scholarship with a 3.5 GPA or higher for the academic term.

**Ana Amaral Lavoie** of Marion, Class of 2023 College of Arts and Sciences, has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2020 semester at the University of Vermont. To be named to the dean's list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.



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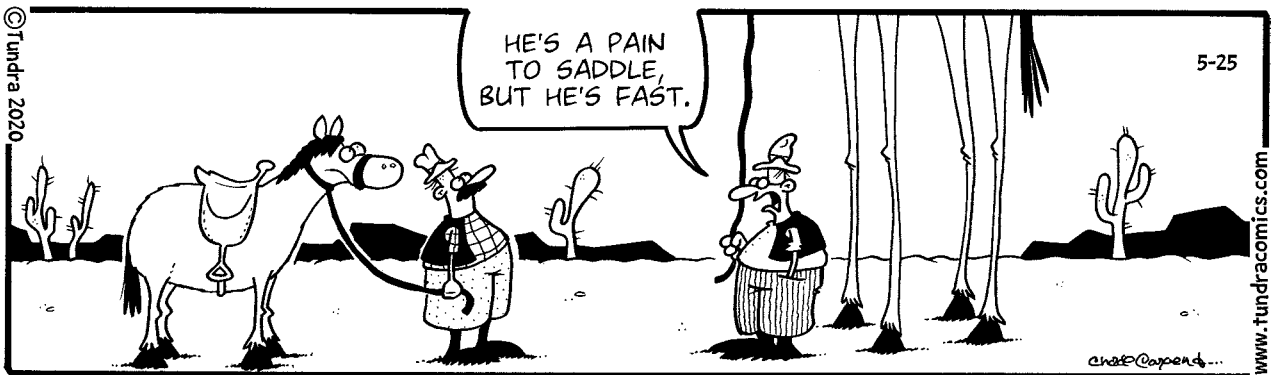
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## by Dave T. Phipps



## Sippican Historical Society

Marion (Old Rochester) is one of the oldest towns in the United States, and the Sippican Historical Society maintains an extensive collection of documentation on its historic buildings. In 1998, the Sippican Historical Society commissioned an architectural survey of Marion's historic homes and buildings. Over 100 were cataloged and photographed. SHS will feature one building a week so that the residents of Marion can understand more



about its unique historical architecture.

This week we feature 35 Water Street. Built between 1903 and 1910, the Queen Anne and Colonial Revival house at 35 Water Street is one

of the few houses in this area that does not reflect the influence of the Shingle style. The house was purchased on October 31, 1912 by Henry P. Kendall of Norwood, Massachusetts.

## Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program

Monday, **June 1:** American chop suey, Italian vegetable blend, multigrain roll, pineapple

Tuesday, **June 2:** Cajun chicken, dirty rice, chickpea blend, whole wheat bread, Mandarin oranges

Wednesday, **June 3:** Hot dog, mustard, baked beans, cabbage and carrots, hot dog roll, mixed fruit

Thursday, **June 4:** Stuffed shells with tomato sauce, Brussels sprouts, oatmeal roll, fresh apple

Friday, **June 5:** Potato pollock, tartar sauce, roasted potatoes, spring/summer blend, dinner roll, sugar cookie, diet: graham wafer

## School Lunches Available

Old Rochester Regional is continuing to provide meals for all children, ages 0-18, during school closure. These meals are free and can be found at the following meal site locations: ORR High School, Center School, Sippican Elementary, Rochester Memorial. Meals are available Monday through Friday from 10:30 to 12:30 pm. Meals include free breakfast and lunch for each child.

## Parting Ways Consignment

Parting Ways Consignment, a local nonprofit organization located at 3 Wells Road, Marion will be re-opening on **June 2**, with hours from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Donations are accepted; consignors and shoppers are welcomed. Masks must be worn, gloves are suggested. For more information please go to our website at [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com)

## Trust & Estate Administration

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## Rochester Historical Society Meeting Canceled

The Rochester Historical Society will not be holding its **June 17** meeting and program. Hopefully the "Lighting the Way" program can be presented in the fall. Until then, on "The Lighting the Way" website from the Whaling Museum, you can watch 10 two-minute videos on area women who have positively impacted their communities and you can vote on your favorites. For more information, visit [www.historicwomensouthcoast.org](http://www.historicwomensouthcoast.org)

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<p><b>TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>On Monday June 15, 2020 the Marion Planning Board will hold a public hearing on proposed changes to the Zoning Bylaw pursuant to the requirements of G.L. c. 40A, s. 5. The public hearing will be held at the Marion Police Station (via Zoom and closed to the public*) Marion, Massachusetts 02738 at 7:10 pm. The proposed changes include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Changes to existing Zoning Bylaw Definitions for terms "Hazardous or Toxic Material" "Personal Kennel", and a new definition, "Volume." See § 230-11.2</li> <li>2. Change to Inclusionary housing Bylaw (reduction of affordable units required). See § 230-8.12</li> <li>3. Changes to Flood Hazard District Bylaw (definition of boundaries; requirement of base flood elevation data). See § 230-8.1.</li> </ol> <p>The full text of these bylaws and the proposed changes can be found at: <a href="https://www.marionma.gov/home/files/spring-warrant-2020">https://www.marionma.gov/home/files/spring-warrant-2020</a></p> <p>William W. Saltonstall, Chairman Andrew Daniels, Vice-Chairman *Please contact Terri Santos at 508-748-3517 or <a href="mailto:tsantos@marionma.gov">tsantos@marionma.gov</a> for instructions on attending the meeting and public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV and participants can call in any questions or comments. 5/28, 6/4</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>Pursuant to Chapter 111, Section 31 of the Massachusetts General laws, the Marion Board of Health will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 6 pm at the Marion Police Station (via Zoom and closed to the public*). The purpose of the regulation is to protect the coastal water quality in the Town of Marion from the impacts of nitrogen by reducing nitrogen generated from new on-site septic systems. The proposed regulation requires new construction to install a nitrogen reducing septic system if municipal sewer is unavailable. The proposed regulation also requires that failed septic systems at the time of transfer replace the failed system with a nitrogen reducing system. A copy of the draft regulation is available for review on the Board of Health's website.</p> <p>John B. Howard, MD, Chairman *Please contact Maureen Murphy at 508-748-3530 or <a href="mailto:mmurphy@marionma.gov">mmurphy@marionma.gov</a> for instructions on attending the meeting and public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV and participants can call in any questions or comments. 5/28, 6/4</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>Application Wine and Malt Package Goods License Fieldstone Farm Market 806 Mill Street, Marion, MA</p> <p>The Marion Board of Selectmen, acting as local licensing authority, will hold a continued public hearing on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 7:15 pm at the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, Marion, MA (via Zoom and closed to the public*), on the application of Fieldstone Farm Market for</p>	<p>a retail package goods license for the sale of wine and malt beverages.</p> <p>* Please contact Debra Paiva at 508-748-3520 or <a href="mailto:dpaiva@marionma.gov">dpaiva@marionma.gov</a> for instructions on attending the meeting and public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be livestreamed on ORCTV and participants can call in any questions or concerns.</p> <p>Randy L. Parker, Chairman 5/28, 6/4</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Marion Police Station (via Zoom and closed to the public*), on a Request for Determination of Applicability (File # 41D-1755) submitted by Michael Moore, to repair the north east corner of the wharf where rocks from the surface level now rest on the silt bottom. The proposed work consists of a diver attaching slings or a grab to each rock for an excavator to retrieve them without disturbing the harbor bottom and reinstall in the north east wharf corner to restore the surface grade at 3 Water Street.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 167A on Marion Assessors' Map 16. Plans are available at the Town House for review.</p> <p>Jeff Doubrava, Chair *Please contact Donna Hemphill at 508-748-3515 or <a href="mailto:dhemphill@marionma.gov">dhemphill@marionma.gov</a> for instructions on attending the meeting and public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. 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The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV and participants can call in any questions or comments. 5/28</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 7:20 pm at the Marion Police Station (via Zoom and closed to the public*), on an Amended Order of Conditions (DEP File # SE 041- 1321),</p>	<p>submitted by The Meadow Island Realty Trust for a modification and improvement of the float and its associated anchor system at 34 Fraser Way.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 12D on Marion Assessors' Map 2. Plans are available at the Town House for review.</p> <p>Jeff Doubrava, Chair *Please contact Donna Hemphill at 508-748-3515 or <a href="mailto:dhemphill@marionma.gov">dhemphill@marionma.gov</a> for instructions on attending the meeting and public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV and participants can call in any questions or comments. 5/28</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 8, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (Via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by G.A.F. Engineering Inc, on behalf of Brian &amp; Patricia O'Neill, 11 Mechanic Street, Mattapoisett. The proposed project is to construct a 22 x 25.5' garage and a 10' addition, new driveway and new deck. The project also consists of a new 6' front covered porch with steps. The project is located at 11 Mechanic Street, and is further identified as Lot 118 on Assessor Map 9.</p> <p>** contact <a href="mailto:ELeidhold@mattapoisett.net">ELeidhold@mattapoisett.net</a> for Zoom Meeting information. 5/28</p> <hr/> <p><b>CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>WANTED DEAD or ALIVE!</b> Big or small tractors &amp; farm equipment and anything by Gravelly Louie: 508-951-1374</p> <hr/> <p><b>What A Find!</b> <b>Consignment Furniture</b> We are looking for furnishings to add to our inventory. Always in need of quality, clean furniture from a smoke and pet free home. Call us for details. 508-997-0166</p> <hr/> <p>Woodacre Law Group <b>Dispute Resolution/Mediation</b> Family, Divorce, Elder, Business 781-237-6020 Mattapoisett Wharf <a href="mailto:lorriwoodacre@gmail.com">lorriwoodacre@gmail.com</a></p> <hr/> <p><b>YOUR HANDYMAN</b> Selling, moving, clean ups, dump runs, demolition, expert tree removal, limbs &amp; more. 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## From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

At the Historical Society's Museum there is lots of information about Rochester citizens who went to war for their country. Some of our scrapbooks include newspaper articles about men and women who served. There are clippings about veterans who have served in the Middle East and all the way back to the Revolutionary War.

In her book, Mattapoisett and Old Rochester, Mary Hall Leonard writes. "It was said at the Rochester Bi-Centennial that it is a historical fact that Rochester furnished more men (to fight in the Revolutionary War) on proportion to territory than any other town in the Old Colony."

One soldier from Rochester was Major Elnathan Haskell who became one of General George Washington's aides. In the Capitol building in Washington, D.C., there is a painting, "Surrender of General Burgoyne" and there is Haskell to the left of Washington.

Rochester has official memorials to veterans from the past to the present. The Civil War Monument across from Town Hall honors 81 Civil War veterans from

the community. In 1927, a town meeting appropriated \$1,200 for the monument. In August 1928, the completed monument was dedicated by the G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic). Some of the veterans who attended wore their Civil War uniforms.



Monuments to soldiers who died fighting for their country are often made of stone, but they can also be the memories they leave behind. In the third Rochester Journal, Anna White put memories into words writing about her cousin, Raymond Coleburn Hartley, who died in 1945 in Burma after a direct hit to his foxhole. She offers quotes from many of his letters from the Front that exhibit the sense of humor for which he was known. Besides her

words, he is also commemorated by a Rochester Woman's Club Scholarship in his name and a cabin dedicated to him at Camp Farley, the 4H camp that was almost a rite of passage for Rochester's young people pre-WWII.

### Lions Cancel Harbor Days

In 1983, Harbor Days was conceived by then club President Arthur Blackburn. Who would have guessed that almost 40 years later, the term "Harbor Days" would represent a week's worth of events that would



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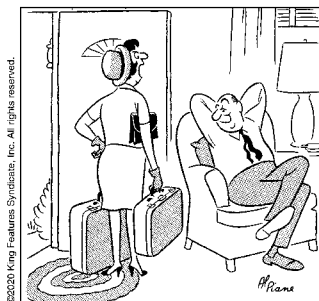
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And who would have guessed that 2020 would bring a pandemic that would change life as we previously knew it to be? Sadly, life may not be the way it was for quite a while. With that, and after much consideration and deliberation, it is with heavy hearts that Mattapoisett Lions Club's Board of Directors has voted to cancel all Harbor Days 2020 events. This is a decision that was not reached quickly or easily. We hope you understand the desire to keep everyone's safety and well-being first and foremost in our minds.

We will look forward to planning Harbor Days 2021 and seeing you all at Shipyard Park once again, enjoying all that Harbor Days has to offer.

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### Outdoor Worship Gathering at FCCR

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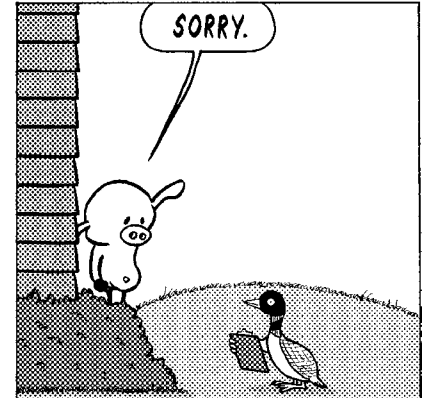
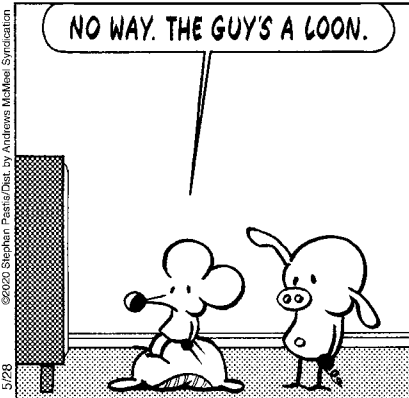
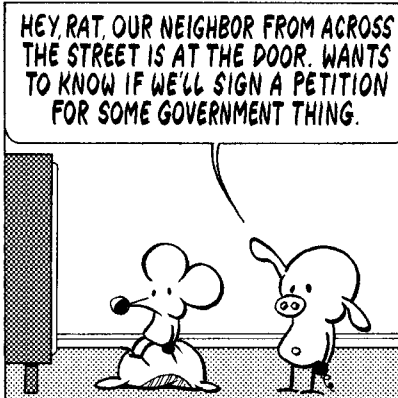
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the need for caution and safety during this difficult time, it is best to pass on this meeting and allow the virus to run its course. June is the last meeting of the season and our next meeting will be held on September 2, 2020. If you have questions, please call 508-758-1326 or email [cwmccullough@comcast.net](mailto:cwmccullough@comcast.net).

### Mattapoisett Land Trust Annual Meeting

Mattapoisett Land Trust will conduct its 2020 Annual Meeting using the digital platform Zoom on Sunday, **June 14** at 4:00 pm. Members may call into the meeting using a computer, tablet, or smartphone. To register for the meeting (pre-registration is required) please send an email with your contact information to [info@mattlandtrust.org](mailto:info@mattlandtrust.org). MLT will confirm your registration and provide sign-in information for the meeting. We look forward to "seeing" all our members on June 14.

### Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride

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will save \$10 on the registration, too.

The Watershed Ride is a fun community event that supports a great cause: clean water in Buzzards Bay. More than 300 cyclists participate in the Watershed Ride each year, pedaling through 11 coastal communities and passing more than 3,300 acres of conservation land protected by the Buzzards Bay Coalition and other conservation organizations.

Starting in Little Compton, R.I., the 100-mile route travels past coastal farms and villages, picking up the 75-mile riders at Horseneck Beach State Reservation in Westport and the 35-mile riders at idyllic East Over Farm in Rochester. All three route options finish together at a waterfront celebration in Woods Hole on Cape Cod, complete with cheering supporters, a hot dinner, beer and wine bar, live music, and complimentary massages. With a fun food truck lunch stop, water and snack stations every 20 miles, ace bike mechanics on the route, and shuttles for both people and bikes, cyclists are well cared for and supported.

Dartmouth resident Sandra Medeiros is preparing to participate in her fifth Watershed Ride with the South Coast Bikeway Alliance team. "I ride because I love my Bay. I swim in it, kayak on it and hike and ride along it. I appreciate all that the Coalition does to protect it. Giving residents equal opportunity to all that the South Coast offers along with clean water is important.

"Our South Coast Bikeway Alliance team supports these efforts and like the Coalition is working to connect communities," Medeiros said. "The 50-mile Bikeway, when completed, will connect people and places in the South Coast with pathways that offer safe, equitable transportation as well as opportunities for recreation."

Last year, riders like Sandra raised a total of more than \$220,000 to support the Coalition. Each rider raises a minimum of \$300, and prizes go to riders and teams that raise the highest totals. Many riders form a team with friends and training groups like the "Bourne Rail Trail Blazers," "ReThink Plastics," and "Cape Cod MOVES."

To sign up for the Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride, visit [www.savebuzzardsbay.org/ride](http://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/ride).

## ArtTalk at the MAC

Would you like to join a group chat about art? Or perhaps you would like a better understanding of works that you "just don't get"? Join the MAC for a virtual discussion about art (no knowledge of art or art history required!).

The Marion Art Center's new monthly program, ArtTalk at the MAC, is similar to a book club. Participants will be sent two different artworks by a host. This could be in the form of images, videos, or links. The host will choose one piece of artwork that he or she is fond of for group discussion. The second piece will be artwork the host doesn't particularly like or understand but might interest others. The host will provide images and/or links, plus short artist bios and/or descriptions of selected works to the group, prior to the monthly scheduled meeting.

Art could be from a private collection, a publication, seen online, or a famous work found in a museum. Art may also include poetry, dance, video, performance, or installation art. The group will meet at a scheduled date and time (currently via Zoom). Participants are invited to make their own cocktails or refreshments! ArtTalk at the MAC will continue on-site when we are able to safely meet as a group.

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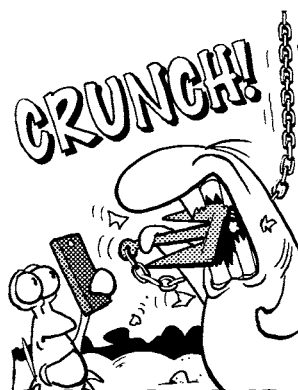
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**SHERMAN'S LAGOON**  
by J.P. Toomey





arrange hosts, with a brief art discussion. Jennifer Wolfe Webb, MAC board President, will host the initial meeting. To register, email [info@marionartcenter.org](mailto:info@marionartcenter.org) with "ArtTalk at the MAC" in the subject line. Be sure to include your name, preferred email address (if different than one you are using), and phone number. Contact Executive Director Jodi Stevens at the Marion Art Center with any questions.

ArtTalk at the MAC is one of the Marion Art Center's new online offerings through its program titled "the Virtual MAC." Join an online gallery, submit poetry, see artists' videos, and more at [www.marionartcenter.org/virtual-mac](http://www.marionartcenter.org/virtual-mac).

### Mattapoisett Annual Town Election Information

The Board of Selectmen has voted to reschedule the Annual Town Election to Tuesday, **June 16**. The polls will be open from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm at Old Hammondtown School. Because of the COVID19 pandemic, the rules regarding absentee voting have been relaxed. Voters concerned about the public health situation can cite that as a reason to request an absentee ballot for the Annual Town Election. If you would like to request an absentee ballot visit: [www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/absentee/English-Absentee-Ballot-Application.pdf](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/absentee/English-Absentee-Ballot-Application.pdf)

Once you print and sign the form, it must be returned to the Clerk's Office. Once you have requested, marked, and returned your ballot it will be counted on election day by poll workers. Please submit your request early to ensure that we receive it back before the polls close on election day.

### Mattapoisett Road Race Goes Virtual 2020

Although there will be no in-person race this year, the Mattapoisett Road Race committee encourages you to get out and exercise while supporting the class of 2020. Funds raised by the road race normally go towards members of the graduating class as stipends for college. We would like to continue supporting the seniors this year, especially with all of the current uncertainty caused by COVID-19. That is why we will be hosting a virtual road race! Participants can register online, and then run five miles between **June 26** and **July 2**. The five miles can be run at any location you like. The registration donation fee will be \$25. If you sign up by June 1 and would like a Mattapoisett Road Race t-shirt, you can pay an extra \$10, and it will be mailed to you. Please take a photo of yourself during the run and we will put it on the website.

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To register or learn more information, please visit our website at <http://www.mattapoisettroadrace.com/>

### ORCTV Annual Meeting

Old Rochester Community TV will hold its annual meeting via Zoom at 5:30 pm on Thursday **June 25**. The annual meeting will include the election of officers to the Old Rochester Community Television Board of Directors. The nominees for 2020 are:  
Mike Devoll – Marion seat  
Danny White – Mattapoisett seat  
Elaine Botelho – Membership seat  
Linda Medeiros – Rochester seat

### MAC's Community Message Board

The Marion Art Center invites you to add to the MAC's Community Message Board.

- Bring your own paints, pens, markers.
- Add your drawing, painting, poem, or inspirational words. Remember, we want to keep it positive!
- Please be respectful of others. Play it safe! Wear a mask and keep at least six feet of distance if others are present.
- Take a photo and email it to [info@marionartcenter.org](mailto:info@marionartcenter.org) with the subject line: "Messages at the MAC"
- Upload to social media and be sure to follow and tag [@marionartcenter](#) #MessagesattheMAC #theMAC
- Tag others, share with others, invite friends and family to join the conversation by adding to the board
- Stay connected at #theVirtualMAC by visiting us online at [www.marionartcenter.org](http://www.marionartcenter.org)

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## Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	May 28	12:29	1:10	6:18	6:20
Friday	May 29	1:25	2:05	7:17	7:28
Saturday	May 30	2:22	3:02	8:27	8:51
Sunday	May 31	3:22	4:02	9:34	10:16
Monday	June 1	4:25	5:04	10:29	11:24
Tuesday	June 2	5:29	6:03	11:19	
Wednesday	June 3	6:29	6:59	12:21	12:05
Thursday	June 4	7:24	7:51	1:14	12:52
Friday	June 5	8:16	8:41	2:07	1:39
Saturday	June 6	9:06	9:31	2:59	2:28
Sunday	June 7	9:57	10:21	3:47	3:17
Monday	June 8	10:47	11:11	4:30	4:05
Tuesday	June 9	11:39		5:09	4:52
Wednesday	June 10	12:03	12:32	5:49	5:41
Thursday	June 11	12:55	1:25	6:33	6:36
Friday	June 12	1:45	2:16	7:25	7:47
Saturday	June 13	2:33	3:05	8:21	9:13
Sunday	June 14	3:20	3:55	9:13	10:19
Phases of the Moon		First Quarter	May 30th	Full Moon	June 5th
		Last Quarter	June 13th	New Moon	June 21st



## I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com) and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*  
In the May 21, 2020 edition the Aardvark was on page 42!

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

### CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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## SCRAMBLERS

### solution

1. Fiber; 2. Invade;
3. Petal; 4. Respite

Today's Word  
**REPAIRED**

### Sudoku Answer

1	9	6	4	7	3	8	5	2
4	2	7	8	5	1	3	6	9
8	5	3	9	2	6	1	4	7
3	7	4	6	1	9	2	8	5
9	6	5	2	8	4	7	1	3
2	8	1	7	3	5	4	9	6
5	4	8	3	6	7	9	2	1
7	1	9	5	4	2	6	3	8
6	3	2	1	9	8	5	7	4

THIS NEXT ONE'S NOT ORIGINAL EITHER...

off the mark by Mark Parisi





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